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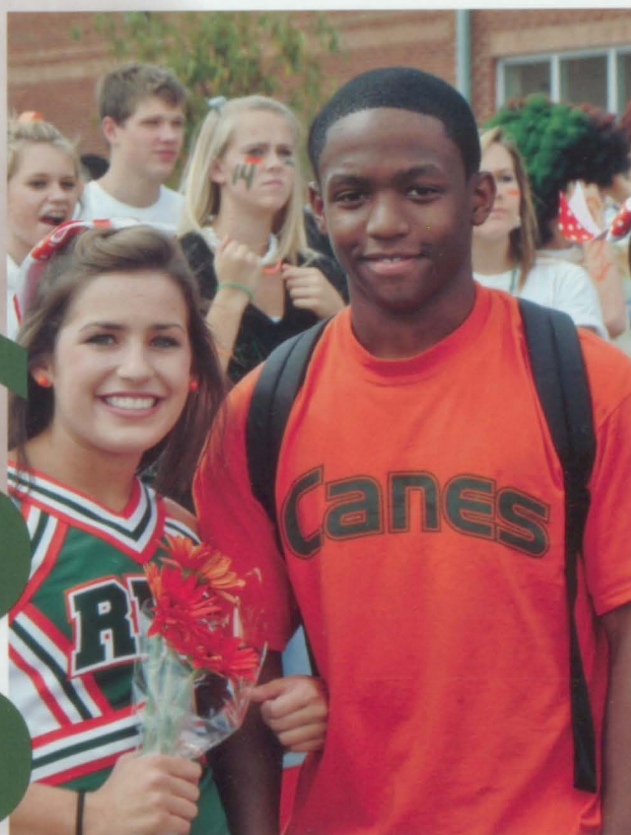
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Our Fragile Green Planet Living Green



Green is our school color and we wear it proudly. Our wish for this sixth year is that as Hurricanes, we will examine and improve the ways we treat our natural resources:

energy, land, and fellow humans.

May the Green we wear become the attitude we share.

reuse recycle share conserve consume less carpool unplug use solar energy

wastefulness

preservatives

landfills

deforestation

contamination

fossil fuels

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eat your veggies

walk

use less energy

wear recycled

buy local goods

plant a tree



Photo 1: International students and teachers at Rutland, holding flags of their home countries, gather for a group picture.

Photo 2: Mr. Rubin leads this first group of ninth grade students who chose to commit to the **School for International Studies** program.

Photo 3: Elijah, Moses, and Joseph, the students from Uganda, pose for a photo in front of the school seal.

Photo 4: Rutland held a farewell ceremony for the Ugandan students on their last day here.

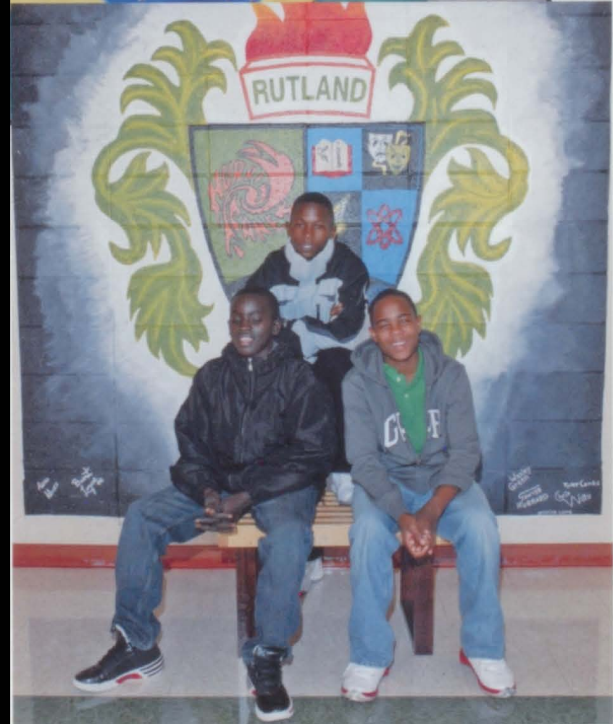




New Global Emphasis International Studies

The School for International Studies is designed to prepare future leaders in the global economy, to encourage students to be multi-dimensional thinkers, and to help students develop a perspective on politics, culture and science. Our School for International Studies allows students to gain the skills and knowledge to lead a competitive world. For the 2008-2009 school year, Rutland will initially target 9th grade students that desire to commit to the challenging advanced course requirements. These students will continue with the program for their next three years, each new class of 9th grade students will be targeted there after. Mr. Rubin points out that the idea of The School for International Studies is how we can make an impact and a change. Here at Rutland we want our students to stand out more than any other school. Mr. Rubin says "We allow our students to reach their full potential in any direction they want to go."

In January, we had the most wonderful privilege to welcome a group of Ugandan students. There were 3 boys, Elijah, Moses, and Joseph, who spent a week with us, and 4 girls along with their school headmaster, Ssemutono Stephen. They got to experience for the first time things we take for granted: things from touching a basketball, to seeing an airplane and firing a rifle with the JROTC at Northeast. In America, we are used to technology for research and review in all classes. At RHS we have at least 7 computers per classroom and two portable labs. In Uganda these students have 600 students and only 5 computers in their entire school. Teachers teach with their hands and a chalk board. Having met these students, we should remember how most of the people on our planet have so little and yet are so grateful. The next time you complain about school, or basketball practice, or even a Friday night stuck at home with the family - remember how fortunate we are.



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igh Gas Prices Got You Down?

Fluctuating Oil Prices Influence all Areas of Student and Faculty Life

The cost of gasoline has risen significantly in recent years. Higher gas prices have lowered employment, income, and spending. Most everyone has been affected by the high prices in some sort of way. Many families have had to limit their driving and spending. People are also losing their jobs, because of the poor economy due to high prices. Schools all across the country are being affected tremendously by the high gas prices also. Teachers are being laid off just to save money. Some schools have considered making shorter bus routes, but since districts have little flexibility field trips and sports teams that take buses on the road are becoming the targets. Schools districts are also having to cut back on heating and air conditioning. Prices for food are also rising, meaning that school lunches are going up. These are just a few of the things occurring due to high gas prices.

Most studies show that the cost of high gas prices is due to the cost of crude oil followed by the cost of refining. Ethanol is one source that is being used to help lower the amount of oil consumed while providing cleaner-burning fuel. Ethanol is an alcohol-based fuel made by fermenting and distilling crops that have been broken down into simple sugars. In the United States, ethanol is generally made from corn. Ethanol is 10% of our gasoline we use today. In "flex-fuel" vehicles, an alternative fuel E85 can be used. E85 is a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. If gas prices remain high, then ethanol will be pushed to be used as an alternative fuel.

Crude prices have been falling because of declining gasoline usage. That decline was reflected in a government report showing that Americans drove 12.2 billion fewer miles in June of 2008 compared to a year ago. If Americans continue to drive less, then gas prices will continue to reduce and we can save money and help make a difference.

Ethanol- an alcohol-based fuel made by fermenting

and distilling crops that have been broken down into simple sugars





Picture 1: Cory Jackson, Antwone Grayer, and Stanley Walker discuss cheap and close places to go eat because of the high gas prices.

Picture 2: Macy Trobaugh, the Doster twins, and others enjoy a coke from KFC after school. Students look for less expensive ways to congregate after school.

Picture 3: Jason McDaniel fills up his gas tank at Kroger on Hartley Bridge Road after school.

Picture 4: Ryan Bartholomew, Jaleel Brown, and Brett Combs fill up Brett's minivan before they go to football practice.

Picture 5: Mrs. Burlison rides home on her moped after school. She says, "I enjoy riding mopeds with my family. We use them to save gas."

Photo 1: Mary Welch and Andrew Bennett pick through peaches at the Fresh Market.

Photo 2: Maurice Davidson prepares his chicken sandwich just the way he likes it.

Photo 2: Brian Moore and Trey Simpson drink plenty of water and eat a banana before all cross country events.

Photo 3: Cory Combs and Jacob Potts say oranges are their favorite fruit.

Photo 5: Lilith Logan and Shauna Dauber are friends who share different eating habits. Lilith is a vegetarian and Shauna is a carnivore.



By: Erika Allen

Vegetarian or Carnivore?

Variety of Healthy Options Tantalize Our Tastebuds



You may be a carnivore or a vegetarian, a sugar freak, or even a meal skipper. But what and how you feed yourself will affect your health for the rest of your life.

There is a small percentage of RHS students who choose to go vegetarian. Most do so because of health reasons and some consider eating meat just plain wrong. Meats and animal products can contain growth hormones, sodium nitrites and nitrates, and antibiotics.

Then there are the carnivores. They want meat every time they sit down to a meal; it may be a small amount of pepperoni on a pizza at lunch or a Triple Stacker from Wendy's.

The snacking population at Rutland is in the majority. Many skip breakfast at home and wind up eating from the snack machines in the hallway. Others bring high sugar candy, fattening doughnuts, and honey buns to start their day. Later, the sugar buzz is gone and they need another pick up from cookies at lunch or a bag of gummy worms stashed in their bookbag. These bad habits are hard to break and hard on your body too. Well, here's some good health suggestions to help cure those hunger pains. Try water, and lots of it! Many times you feel hungry, but you're really just thirsty. An apple in the morning will help curb hunger and help keep your weight down.

For you vegetarians out there, get your protein from fish or nuts. Carnivores, balancing things out with fruits and vegetables in your diet. Try fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers. ... Think about small ways to improve your diet. Your body will thank you for it!



Sodium Nitrate - a salt used as a fertilizer and an oxidizing agent and in curing meat

Sodium Nitrite - a salt used as a meat preservative

, Westside Story:

Laura Perkins, Westside Principal recalls: her first glimpse of the tornado damage: "When I saw the outside of the building and all of the debris I could not digest it...As I walked the halls I just felt overwhelming sadness while at the same time I was SO grateful it happened on a Sunday and not Monday morning because the areas that were most affected were where the majority of the students would have been...My experience at Rutland was wonderful."

Large photo:
Olympia Skate Center suffered severe tornado damage.

Photo, extreme right:
Sierra Hulsey, from Lizella,, recalled how trees slammed into their home, knocked their chimneys lose and smashed her dad's work van in half. The Hulseys had no power for weeks and depended on neighboring Baptist and Methodist churches for water, food and even a generator. Antwone Grayer remembered friends calling to ask how his family rode out the tornado. He had laughed, saying "What tornado?" - his neighborhood had not been affected by the tornado at all.

Photo, right
, Parker Smith, recalled "We had to find a different route to get to town(because of the downed trees) just so we could buy a generator."

Photo, bottom right
Delaney Connell said that the steeple from her church building, Parkway Assembly of God, was blown across the interstate. Much of the interior of the building was ruined, and repairs are still taking place.





Surge in Severe Weather Delivers Mothers Day Tornado

The year 2008 was a record year for extreme weather events in our nation. This included a record number of the following: tornadoes, floods, fires, and hurricanes.

On June 20 and 21, there were over 6,000 **lightning strikes** in California, resulting in several thousand blazes over a period of several months. Extremely dry conditions caused the loss of thousands of acres of forests, wildlife, and expensive homes. Severe breathing problems came from the smoke-laden air. Local Link: RHS Coach Johnson (Left) holds a lightning detector which helps determine if lightning is striking too close to a field when a game is being played.

Midwest **flooding** caused several major rivers to overrun tremendous areas. The flooding caused loss of lives and property in over a dozen states during the 2008 year.

And here in Macon we lived through the infamous Mothers' Day **tornado**, which touched down early that unday morning, causing millions in damage to portions of Bibb County. This storm affected many Rutland and Westside High school students. Homes were rendered unlivable, and vehicle and proper was high. Thankfully, not life was lost.

Blue tarps covered gapping holes in roofs and walls. Twisted tree stumps separated from tree tops dotted the landscape. The sounds of chain saws filled the air for many weeks.

Westside High was damaged badly, so it was decided that Rutland would open our doors to the much larger SHS student body so that they could finish out the school year. Teachers and students from both Rutland and Westside attended on an every-other-day schedule. Students had to complete EOCT and AP finals. Getting all the grades in was a challenge, but it worked out well due to good planning and cooperation. Students from both schools graduated on time and Westside was repaired over the summer months.

Local Link: Jessica Stokes (2nd from left) is shown above the devastation her family experienced from the Mother's Day Tornado.



Mother's Day Tornado by the Numbers:

100- # of Bibb homes completely destroyed by tornadoes.

100- homes suffering major damage

50- #of local streets impassable on Monday following Sunday tornado

450 -#of tons of debris moved by city workers in less than a week

14,700 # of meals delivered by Red Cross

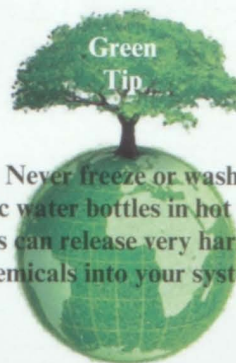
Unknown- Number of meals delivered by many local churches

\$100,000 amount of overtime paid to Macon Police Depart.

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educe, Reuse, Recycle

It's Really, Really Easy!



Never freeze or wash plastic water bottles in hot water. This can release very harmful chemicals into your system.

Almost everywhere you look these days there seems to be a reminder to "Go Green". The all important chant to remember when going green is: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Many common goods around your house are easy to recycle.. Every other week,

paper, plastics and metal items are picked up by a truck

designed for this purpose

Newspapers and mailers, anything with a triangular recycle symbol, and glass and cans can fill up to over flowing the recycling container from a typical Bibb County household. .

According to a survey given to RHS students , over 90% of everyone surveyed thought that recycling was important. But

when asked if they recycled,

over 50% admitted that they did not.

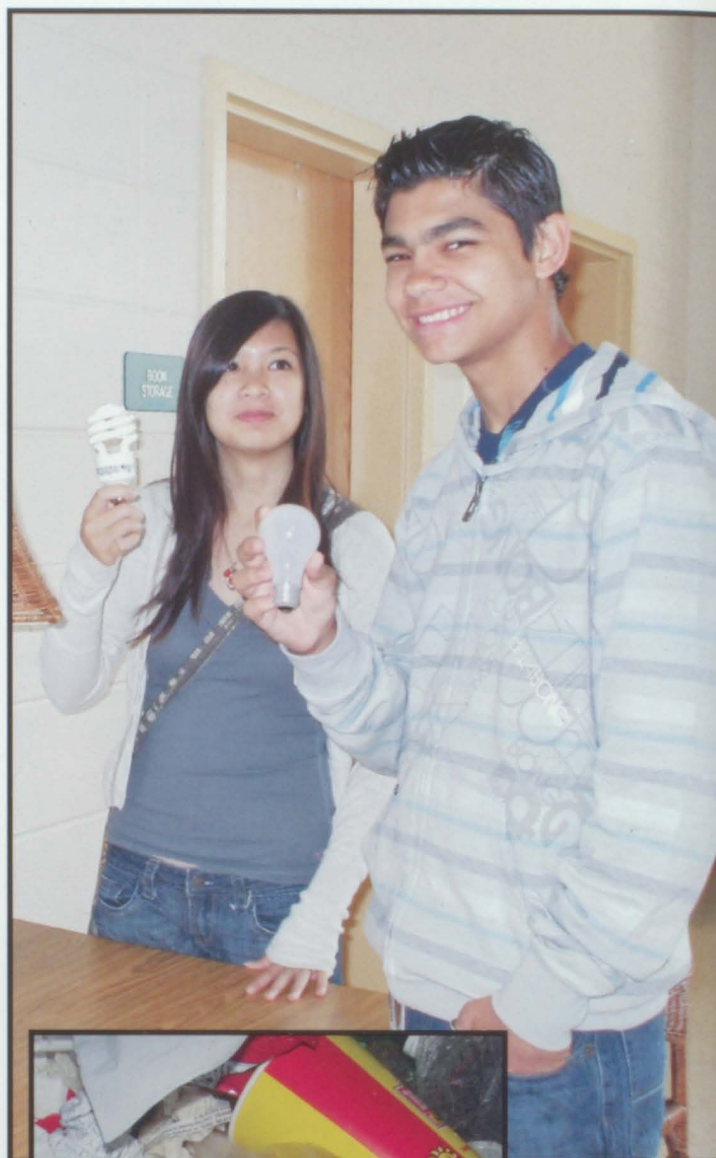
. Another way we can help reduce is by simply using less. New technologies have helped us reduce. Low flow toilets, which use a lot less water than our normal toilets, and halogen light bulbs, which shine brighter than regular bulbs and use less electricity

are great examples of things you can use to help reduce. At

Rutland this year, a way we are reducing is through the new electrical hand driers in the restrooms. It replaces the thousands of paper towels that we use which helps cut back on garbage. The third and final way that we can help is by reusing. Instead of throwing away certain items, try to find other uses for them or use them again and again. Rechargeable batteries are one of the best items out there that can help us cut back on hazardous waste. They can be reused numerous times and when they can't be charged anymore, you can recycle them.

Recent changes in Board of Education policy have required schools to use less energy in heating and cooling classrooms.

Workers came during December and removed half of the lightbulbs in hallways to cut energy costs. And the vacant trailers on our campus are being removed to other sites for use. These changes on all Bibb County school campuses will result in major savings in money and energy.



Hazardous waste: material that harms or even kills the planet and its inhabitants.

landfill: a vast storage area for waste products, many of which could have been recycled.



Photo 1: Trang Nguyen and Cauan Santos discuss the advantages of energy-saving bulbs over the old-fashioned energy wasting types. Lasting 5-12 years (versus a few months), they emit more light, less heat, and use less wattage.

Photo 2:
Art I students show off their texture assignments made entirely of recycled materials saved from other projects. Included are papers, fabrics, and found objects.

Photo 3: Jennifer Odom drinks water out of a recyclable water bottle. She plans to place it into a recycle bin, and is aware of the dangers of freezing or reusing the plastic bottles.

Photo 4 and 5: Many recyclable products are thrown away, adding to the landfill. Others are discarded along roadsides and parking lots, blighting our community

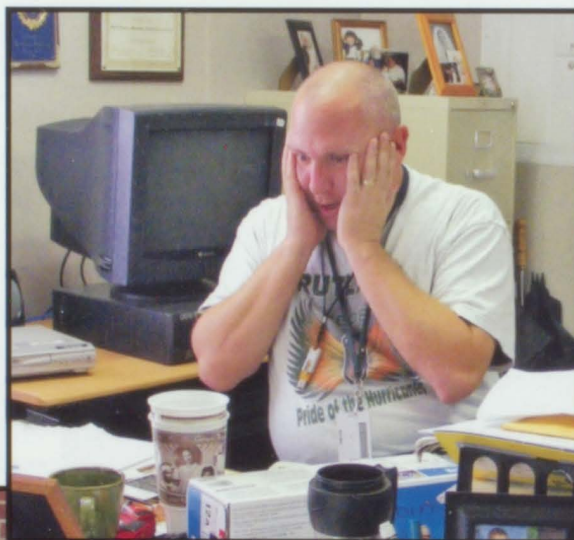


By: Breigh Findlay

Concerned?

Pollutants Thought To Cause Serious Issues

How many people do you know with Autism? One? Maybe two? I can guarantee you that you know more people with this disorder than you think. Currently 1 in every 150 American children, and almost 1 in every 94 boys, is diagnosed with Autism. Autism rates have had a significant increase over the past few years and many people wonder, "Why?" For many years, it has been generally accepted that Autism is caused by abnormalities in the brain, but what if we missed something? What if it was something different? Recently, studies have shown that exposure to heavy metals in our environment may cause this disorder. Many other health issues including Cancer, Asthma, and ADD/ADHD are also believed to be caused by things in our environment. Concerned?



A.D.D. - Attention Deficit Disorder- A syndrome, usually diagnosed in childhood, characterized by a persistent pattern of impulsiveness, a short attention span, and often hyperactivity,

and interfering especially with academic, occupational, and social performance.

Photo 1: Courtney Martin, 12th, poses with one of her paintings. Courtney has ADD and says, "I would be frustrated if I found out that something in our environment caused my ADD. People need to stop polluting our earth."

Photo 2: On the left, Breigh Findlay, 11th, poses with her parents, Janet and Keith, and Autistic sister, Jordie. Breigh says, "It can be very difficult living with an Autistic sibling, but my family enjoys every minute of it. She has made me a better person and I'm sure my parents would say the same."

Photo 3: Mr. Rubin becomes overwhelmed with his cluttered work area. A disorganized desk is one of many obstacles those with ADHD deal with daily.

Photo 4, Emily Dodds, 11th, is the Co-Captain of the Rutland Color Guard. She says, "I sometimes struggle to deal with my asthma on the field, but I don't let it hold me back."

Photo 5: Kathi Jackson, (PEC), is a Breast Cancer survivor. She found out about her cancer at a routine mammogram and received 33 radiation treatments. She continues check-ups every six months for the next five years. She says, "Cancer made a very big impact on my life and I would be upset if I found out that the environment played a part in it."

a tendency to focus on certain objects, or emotional detachment.

Autism- A developmental disorder characterized by severe deficits in social interaction and communication and by abnormal behavior patterns, such as the repetition of specific movements,

Photo 1: Stewart Rowell, 10th, says, "I never knew how many chemicals were in hair dye. I'm amazed because I can't pronounce half of the ingredients!"

Photo 2: Sarah Collins, 11th, says, "I love going to Bath and Body Works because I love the variety of products they have and the fact that they never test their products on animals."

Photo 3: Yesenia Magana, 11th, says "I always have my make-up with me just in case I may need it."

Photo 4: Breyahna English, 11th, applies her Burt's Bees lip gloss between every class.



By: Jennifer Bilow

Green Cosmetics

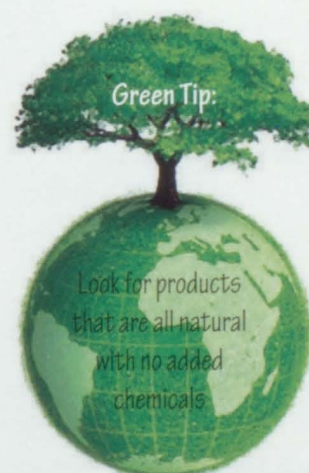
Beauty at any cost?

Feeling clean and smelling **good** are of great importance to Rutland teens. But have you ever thought that great clean feeling could be harmful to your health? Many cosmetics, soaps, and shampoos that we use contain chemicals called phthalates. These chemicals can cause liver, kidney, and even lung damage!

We're always trying to protect our **bodies** from bacteria by using antibacterial soaps. Did you know a compound in antibacterial soaps, such as hand sanitizer, can cause just as much damage to our bodies as the germs we're trying to fight? Well it's true! The compound can disrupt the thyroid hormone function and lead to early puberty.

Carcinogenic...do you know what it **means**? Chemicals that are carcinogenic cause the big "C" word...Cancer! These carcinogenic chemicals are in everything from make-up to lotions. Coal-tar chemicals have been tested on animals and are found to be carcinogenic. These chemicals are in the dark color hair dyes we use to dye our hair and the dandruff shampoos we use to treat dandruff. So here's the bad news, almost every product we use contain **chemicals** that are harmful to our health.

But here's the good news! There are products that are safe for you and our planet. Revert Eco. is an earth friendly perfume sold at Rue 21. It smells great while reminding you to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Burt's Bees products do not contain any chemicals that are harmful to your health. The ingredients are all natural!



Phthalates - man-made chemicals that can cause damage to the body

Triclosan - an antibacterial ingredient found in soap that can lead to early puberty.

Photo 1: Chris Hawkins says he wears this 'Think Green' shirt to promote awareness of the world around us and how we affect it.



Photo 2: Brittany Mixon spends her money on repurposed or preowned items. Her favorite recent buy was this cute pair of shoes from a yard sale for only a dollar.



Photo 3: Samantha Chubbuck wears a World Wildlife Federation T Shirt. This brand sends a portion of the sales to protect endangered creatures.

Photo 4: Whitney Davis shows off her 'reusable' tote bag.

Photo 5: Ashlind Koskula and Jennifer Odom shop at Goodwill because "it's cheaper than other places" and it makes their look "unique".



By: Elena Garza

G

oing Green is the New Black

Show Off Your Fashion Eco-friendly Style



Fashion, especially among high school students, is one of the most creative ways to express yourself. However, your sense of style not only affects how others see you and how you see yourself; But it also **g**reatly and (in most cases) negatively affects the world we live in.

It's really not hard to stay fashionable while being eco-friendly. Buying vintage and used clothing from yard sales and thrift stores gives you a unique look, while **r**educing the use of landfills. Buy clothes made with organic materials such as hemp, linen, organic wool , organic cotton, and bamboo; These materials are better for the environment because they're grown without the use of unhealthy pesticides and insecticides. They also **h**elp preserve land and soil. Look for clothes that are colored using natural dyes that are much healthier for you; the production of unnatural **d**yes can produce toxic pollution. These are just a few ways to decrease your daily impact.

More and more designers and stores are doing their part to "go green" ; making it easier for people to find eco- friendly fashions. From big designers, like Marc Jacobs, to stores like Pacsun, Gap, and American Apparel, you're sure to find something to fit your own unique sense of "green" style.

Green Tip:

When shopping for clothes, try to look for things made with linen, organic cotton or wool, hemp or bamboo

Organic - without the use of

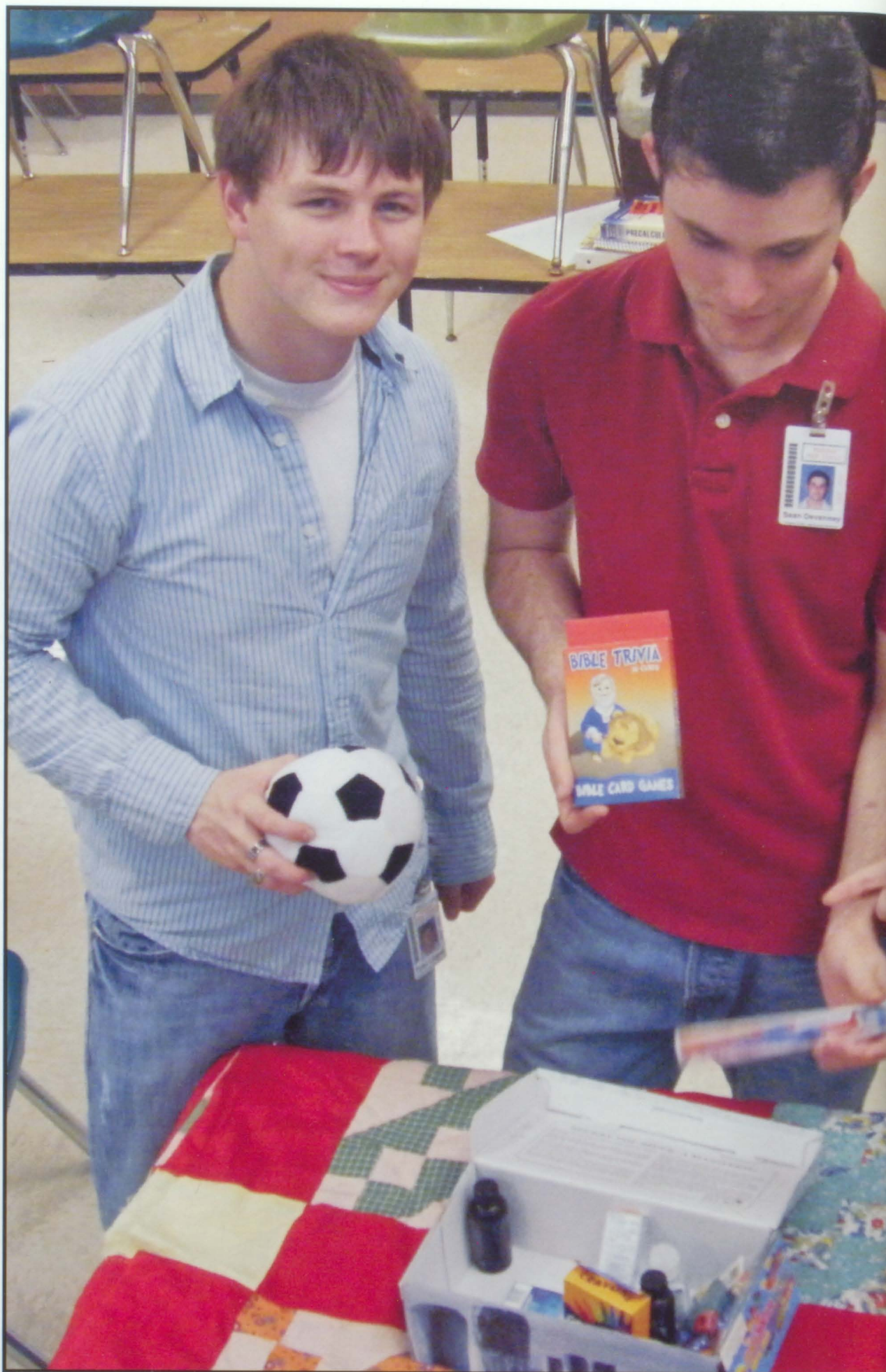
drugs, hormones, or synthetic chemicals

Photo 1: Lee Purvis, Laina Tarpley, and Randy Billingslea are just a few of the people that helped with the can food drive by bringing canned food for the hungry in our community..

Photo 3: Jessica Webb and a few other seniors help cook for the soup kitchen for which Mr. Rubin's AP Economics students volunteer holds each year.

Photo 4: Three kids from a rural African village get clean water from a pump. The money for things we take for granted in our country was provided by compassionate Americans. Photo by Mrs. Fogg who visited this village on a mission trip this past summer..

Photo 5: Tyler Logue, Sean Devenney, and Sarah Collins pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.



By: Brooke Davenport

Compassion

Actions speak louder than words

Do you bring canned food to food drives? Do you give your pennies to the homeless, or volunteer at soup kitchens? These are things some Rutland high school students do to help those less fortunate.

World hunger has always been a problem, but lately it has increased drastically. Scientists have been looking for ways to drop gas prices and they have found one; by growing a hybrid type of corn and turning it into fuel. This helps consumers save on gas by ensuring that it's 10 ethanol. Isn't that great? Well yeah, but everything has its pros and cons.

By using corn in gas it has reduced food sources used to feed the hungry nations. Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of hunger. The grain required to fill a 25 gallon gas tank with ethanol would feed one person for a year. There are countries that depend on the U.S. to supply corn. Now that we use corn to make ethanol we don't have enough for hungry stomachs.

We can help by even the smallest things we do in life: like bringing can foods to food drives or helping out at a "Soup Kitchen." "Operation Christmas Child" is something that the FEA has gotten involved in. O.C.C. takes in shoe boxes filled with tooth brushes, soap, toys, and other small items. Then the shoe box is sent off to a child in need in third world countries.

This all leads to just one question:

What have you done to show compassion lately?



Green Tip:

Volunteer at local soup kitchens and food drives to help cure world hunger.



compassion: Action of kindness shown to others in need or distress.

Hybrid- Something of mixed origin or composition.

Photo 1: Students April Bivins, Adrian Childs, and Paizley Matlock sit in the shade and enjoy their cups of coffee at a church fellowship.

Photo 2: Mr. DeGrandis drinks Cuban coffee because "It has less caffeine and it's a bold and manly taste!"

Photo 3: Laura Davis doesn't usually like iced-coffee but McDonald's Hazelnut Ice-Coffee has her spending a few bucks for alot of taste!

Photo 4: Mrs. Christy Gay, (principal's secretary) enjoys a rare quiet moment with her cup of java.

Photo 5: Many students enjoy the delicious taste of Starbucks, but dislike the high price tag.



By: Maria Sapp

Green Caffeine

Good Until The Last Drop

Green Tip:

Buy coffee filters that are unbleached.

After an entire Summer of sleeping in until noon, high school students struggle adjusting to their "Back to School" schedules. One habit that teens pick up is gulping down coffee first thing in the morning. Coffee is a caffeine-based stimulant that restores, strengthens, awakens, and invigorates. Most people are not aware that there are a few simple ways to turn your coffee drinking routine into a "Green" routine. An obvious choice would be purchasing organic coffee beans- which are not only good for the Earth but also better for your health. Unlike most coffee beans, organic coffee is grown without harmful pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. Another eco-friendly solution is shade-grown coffee, which is cultivated under a tree canopy opposed to cutting down large amounts of trees and destroying natural habitats along with them. You can also stay green by choosing filters made with unbleached papers, reusable cotton/hemp, or gold.

It doesn't take much to help out your planet, just simply alter your daily routines. You don't have to spend tons of money on a Hybrid or sponsor a kid in Africa with a monthly fee. You can help prevent deforestation every morning while reading the paper and drinking "Green Caffeine."

Deforestation: to cut down and clear away trees or forests.



What you May Know

She calls every student at RHS her baby.

You can see yourself in in her shiny waxed floors.

If someone vandalizes the school, Ms. Harris has to clean it up.
(How is that fair?)

Ms. Harris has been at RHS since the summer of '03. (our first year)

She can pick up a fully loaded teacher's desk with her bare hands.

Ms. Harris turned 50 this year!

What you May NOT Know

Ms. Harris is the mother of 5 children- four girls and one boy.

Ms. Harris has 8 grandchildren.

She arrives every morning at 6:00.

Her favorite chore is waxing the floors.

Her least favorite thing to do is dusting.

She has been working at the B.O.E. as a custodian for 13 years.



One Mean, Green, Cleaning Machine Ms. Beverly Harris

Awarded Custodian of the Year for Bibb County Schools

"She keeps you straight."

-Michael Robinson

"She is a really nice person."

-India Hodges

"She calls everybody 'baby'."

-Candace Molton

"Ms. Harris has been there for me in times of need, she is a person who is true to herself."

-Ronda Clark, fellow employee

"Ms. Harris does not have a lazy bone in her body."

-Mrs. Barfield

"How ya durin?"

-Chris Hawkins

"She's like a second mom."

-Vicky Covington
and Whittney Davis

"I love working for Ms. Harris. She's great. She tells me when it's cold outside and when to put on shoes."

-Mr. Barrett

"She's a great custodian. Our school is always clean."

-Ahnika McMiller



Arriving at Rutland in '03, Ms. Harris cleaned fresh red mud tracked in by workmen's boots and fingerprints from newly installed windows. She dared anyone mark her mirror-like shine on the tile floors. She's just that way- from the floors to the ceiling and everything in between. Ms. Harris works a "split shift" usually. She arrives each morning at 6:00 and opens the school, stands at the front door and encourages students to get into dress code, and then continues her duties. She leaves around 10:30, and returns to work at 2:00, staying until 9:00 making certain halls, restrooms, and classrooms have been made ready for the next school day.

When asked why she chose this line of work, she said, "To be honest I think it chose me. I came to the system as a regular worker and I became a supervisor the next year. During my 13 years I have opened three new schools, met many people, and made many friends. So many kids really appreciate me for me; down to earth and always willing to help them. I tell them "I love you "because so few of them really hear that, I greet them in the morning, and I do my best to make sure the children come to a clean environment daily.

"Ms. Harris keeps our school so clean. She cares about the students and helps keep us out of trouble."

-Josh Crowell

"Ms. Harris is cool and funny."

-Chris Hearn

"Ms. Harris is nice because she warns us before we get in trouble."

-Alphonzo Leary

"I think Ms. Harris is cool and she has a great personality."

-Jesse McClure

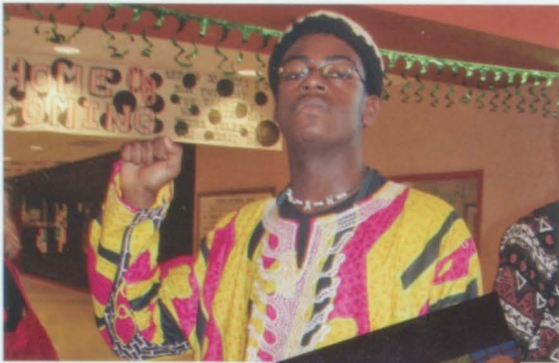
"I am so impressed with Ms. Harris keeping Rutland extremely clean and neat. She shows a great amount of pride which strengthens my pride for our school. She works very hard and deserves the best.

I've noticed her genuine concern for the students and she is always telling me that she is going to take care of her babies."

-Mrs. Thompson
Assistant Principal

"Bottom Line-I love my job, and it's because of the children"

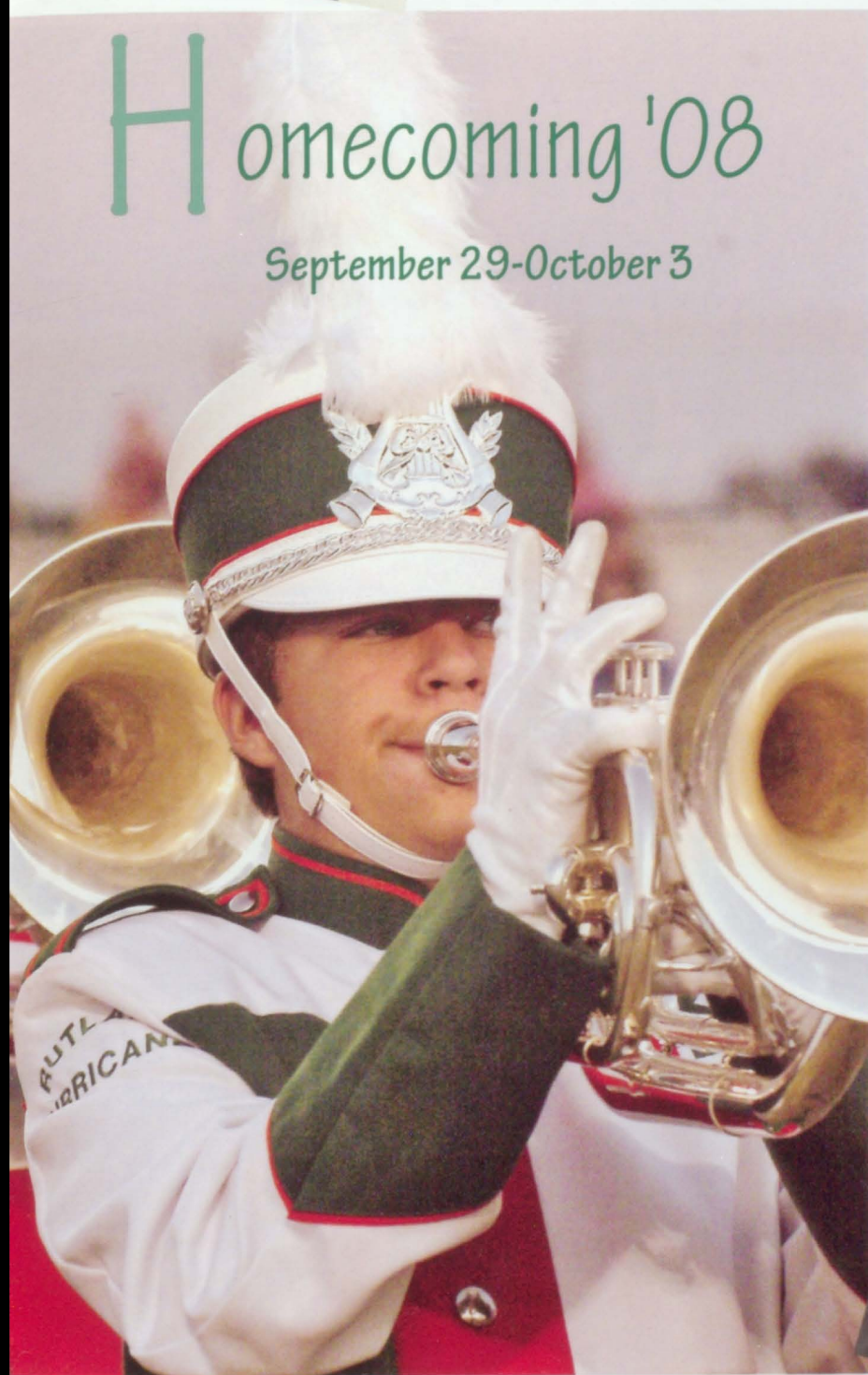
-Ms. Beverly Harris
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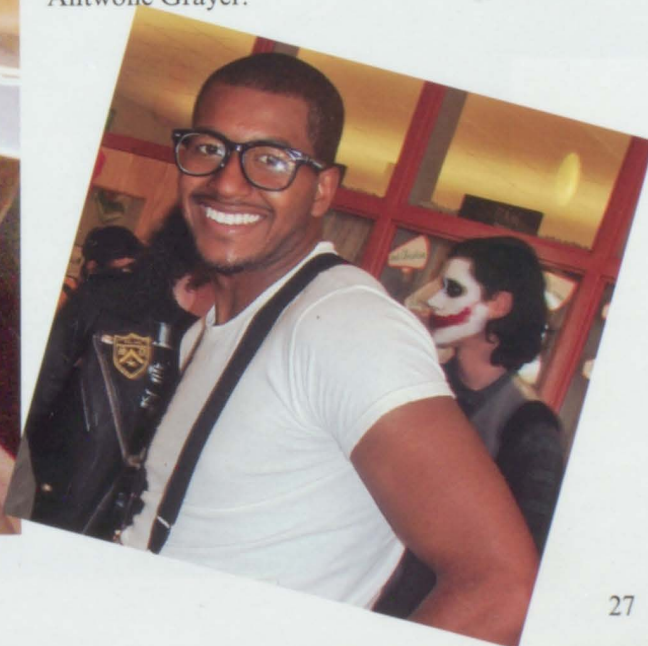
Homecoming '08

September 29-October 3



Homecoming only comes once a year. It is a time of school spirit and competition. This year's Homecoming Week consisted of Twin Day Monday, Tacky Day Tuesday, Retro Day Wednesday, Celebrity Day Thursday, and of course, Spirit Day Friday. Like every other Homecoming, there is the traditional Spirit Stick Competition between the classes. This year to win the Spirit Stick, there was a combination of the highest percentage of students who participated in the dress-up day, the class who brought the most canned goods, decorated homeroom doors, and hall decorations. The extremely spirited Senior Class of 2009 prevailed and showed the most school pride. The Spirit Stick was presented to the Seniors at Rutland's first ever Homecoming Bash where the winners of each dress-up day and the famous Sexy Legs Contest were announced.

Pictured: Clockwise: Brittany Tucker, Tiffany Sams, Haleigh Lyles, Breigh Findlay, Jessica Hill, Marlesa Bell, Casey Oliver, Brooke Chester, Carlos Pitts, Sydney Banks, Ashley Crute, Ellie Barbee, Austin Torrey, Brooke Collins, Logan Nipper, Tiffany Sanders, Malcolm Jones, Ashley Crute, Chelsea Tucker, Marylizza Mofford, Dion Pinkney, Sam Viator, Justin King, Kawanna Sallette, Jasmine Flowers, Shannon Pinnell, Kristyn Archer, Antwone Grayer.





Runner up Senior class representative, Chris Evans.

Jamal Hickey and Logan Nipper 2008 Homecoming King and Queen



Runner up, Senior class Rep.
Brittany Hughes
and her mom.



Tyler Sullivan, Prince of
Rutland High School.



Great grand parents make their way
down the field in place of the princess.
Taylor Bledsoe.



Runner up Senior class representative
Terrell Smith.



Tynesha Stanley
Senior Representative





Above, the Rutland football team makes their entrance onto the field.



Above right is the Rutland band at attention.



Below, the Drill Team preparing for the national anthem.



Above, Jamel Hickey attempts to run for touchdown.

Left, Veteran, color guard students Anna Suber and Kawana Sallette spin their flags.

Below, the band performs the National Anthem.

Far left, a pass off is made and the ball is moved down the field.



Above a brutal tackle of an Eagle's Landing player.

Below, our offense prepares for a play.



The rousing week of Homecoming ended on October 3, with a new queen and king, a wounded player, and a disappointing loss to Eagles Landing. The Rutland football players were pumped up, the crowd was ready for victory, and Pride of the Hurricanes Band played with great spirit. Faculty, students and family sported the orange and the green. Mr. Rubin announced our team's progress against the Eagles landing players.

Turnout of returning alumni was high, especially with representatives from the class of '08. Students from Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern, and Georgia College and State university were present, along with Macon State students. Mr. Rubin's pithy remarks on the loud speaker about various alumni kept the crowd entertained during "down moments". At one point, senior **Christopher Booze** suffered a rough tackle and was assisted off the field and into an ambulance by paramedics. His injury was a painfully dislocated hip.

During halftime, ROTC and Band members participated in the homecoming court presentation. First runners-up, **Tyler Sullivan** and **Taylor Bledsoe** were announced. Bledsoe listened to the events on her cell phone from her hospital bed. During homecoming week, Taylor was diagnosed with Crones disease. "Even though I missed all of homecoming week, it is an event I will never forget. Sitting in my hospital gown and my toy tiara, I listened for Mr. Rubin's announcements of the winner's." **Logan Nipper** was crowned by '08 Queen **Quaneisha Jones**, and King, **Jamel Hickey** was presented his crown.* The crowd celebrated, the cameras flashed, and players ran back onto the field for the second half.

* "Green Factor"

Homecoming candidate selection changed with the elimination of paper ballots, and students voted on the RHS web site to be "ore green". Regrettably, fewer than 300 students cast votes with the nes method, saying that online ballot required too much personal information.



Above coach Averett, offensive line coach, encourages our guys.



Below, Jamel Hickey is crowned Homecoming King by Principal Gail Gilbert.



New Athletic Direction

Major changes take some adjustment



Spring of '08 brought a fresh face to head Rutland's athletic department. Coach George Collins, along with six other coaches from Houston County High, is our third Athletic Director in six years.

One great idea Collins introduced is the season ticket. Purchased by students for \$50.00, it allows attendance to all home sporting events from fall football to spring soccer.

Our new coaches appeared on the Rutland scene about the time our nation's economy began its big downturn. When asked how he expected the economic troubles and high gas prices would affect the fall season sport events, Coach Stewart commented that he had not heard of any restrictions on bus usage. "Players are going to need more room after the game. They need to stretch out on the bus to prevent cramping. We need to have the right amount of room and number of buses," he said.

Coach Tony Jones, new football and men's head soccer coach expressed another need- greater support from fellow Rutland students at games. "More student fans at games and more pep in the crowd" is what he feels will increase the quality of athletic performance.

Coach Doug Johnson commented that being at Rutland reminded him of his early years at Houston County High School 15 years ago. Johnson predicted a similar steady climb in improvement in Rutland's athletic success.

We look forward to the new leadership in our athletic department. Stability has been an issue in the past, and the transplant of these "HoCo" coaches will hopefully be the answer to this need.



Students admire qualities in new coaching staff



Coach **Ron Christian** was rewarded "BIBB COUNTY COACH OF THE YEAR" award for the 2007-2008 school year. Coach Christian teaches Health/P.E. and coaches basketball, football and track. He has been working at Rutland since 2005 and his wife Veronica Christian also teaches at Rutland. During the 2007-2008 basketball season coach Christian took his boys team to the second round of playoffs.



Seth Sutton said his favorite coach is Chip Stuart cause "he can throw a football through a carwash and come out the other side dry".



Maurice Davison said his favorite coach is Doug Johnson because "He always pushed me to do my best".



Preston Sanford said his favorite coach is Bubba Williams because "I can see myself in his shoes in ten years".

"Green" to Rutland, new coaching staff shows promise



Randy Roland



Bubba Williams



Doug Johnson



Tony Jones



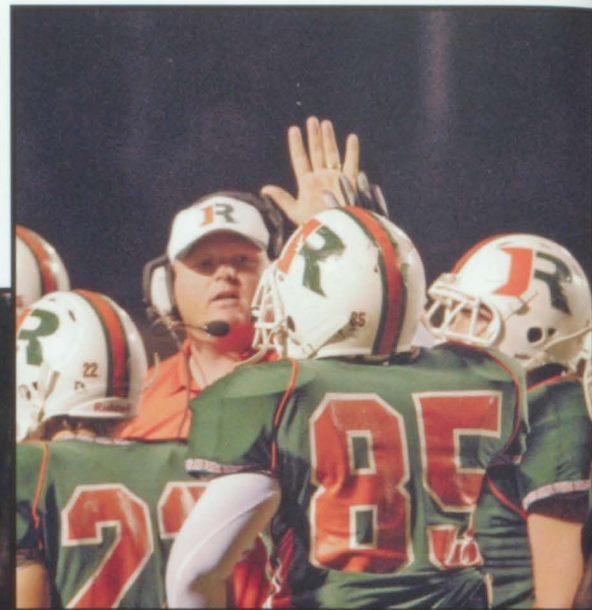
Chad Averett



Chip Stewart

Rebuilding Year

The 2008 season brought a fresh start for the Rutland Football team. With new coaches, a new look, and a new region, the season kicked off. The first game against the Southwest Patriots ended with a defeat of 7-0. The team didn't lose hope and continued to practice hard. Unfortunately, the Hurricanes suffered defeat until the game against Maynard H Jackson which brought them their first victory. Next the Hurricanes faced South Atlanta for the final game of the season and came out with another victory ending the season 2-8.



SCOREBOARD

Southwest	0 - 7
Peach County	6 - 26
Mary Persons	6 - 34
Jackson	6 - 24
Woodland	14 - 34
Eagle Landings	20 - 27
Woodward Academy	18 - 52
Spalding	18 - 19
Maynard H Jackson	34 - 14
South Atlanta	34 - 20



page 33, top: Dee Lundy prepares to punt the ball for the Canes.

Page 33, center: Chris Booze makes an amazing catch and runs for another Hurricane touchdown.

Page 33, above: The defense prepares for another big stop on the Woodland offense.

Page 33, left: Jamel Hickey breaks out of the pocket to throw the ball.

Page 32, left: Ryan Bartholomew looks for an open receiver to throw another touchdown pass.

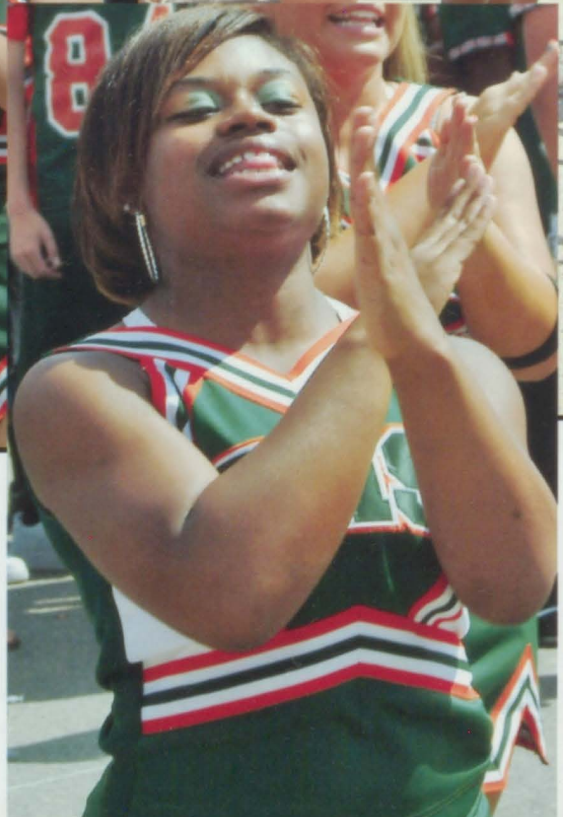
Page 32, center: The Rutland Hurricanes bust through the banner before the Homecoming Game against Eagles Landing.

Page 32, top: Coach Averett congratulates the offense on their touchdown drive.

Page 32, bottom: The Hurricane captains of the Homecoming game meet their opponent's captains at the 50 yard line to do the coin toss.

Keeping the Cane SPIRIT up

As Rutland went through new changes in the athletic department the Rutland Cheerleaders were there to keep the hopes up through the good and the bad. During the football season, the cheerleaders stood by the team during difficult times. Led by captains Logan Nipper and Ashley Crute the squad worked hard to put on pep rallies and to keep the school's spirit up throughout the year.



The cheering squad traveled to Panama City for a summer workshop. There they learned new formations, practiced and competed, increasing skills in athleticism, and comradery.

They battle extremes in temperature, crowd apathy, taunting from opposing teams, fatigue, and hoarseness but strive to encourage fans and players alike on a consistent basis. They are coached by Mrs. Christian.



page 34, far left: Chelsea Tucker does a stunt at a football game to pump up the crowd.

page 34, left: Mallory Smith and Laina Tarpley cheer at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

page 34, bottom: Ebony Purcell cheers on the crowd to get the football players pumped.

Center: The RHS cheerleading squad cheer for the students at the Homecoming pep rally.

page 35, top: Ashley Crute puts on a show for the Rutland Hurricanes.

page 35, above: The squad performs at half-time during a basketball game.

page 35, left: Logan Nipper, Tiffany Sanders, and Ellie Barbie do a basket toss with Mallory Smith on the field prior to a football game.



A Slam-Dunk Season

Lady Canes Dominate Court and District

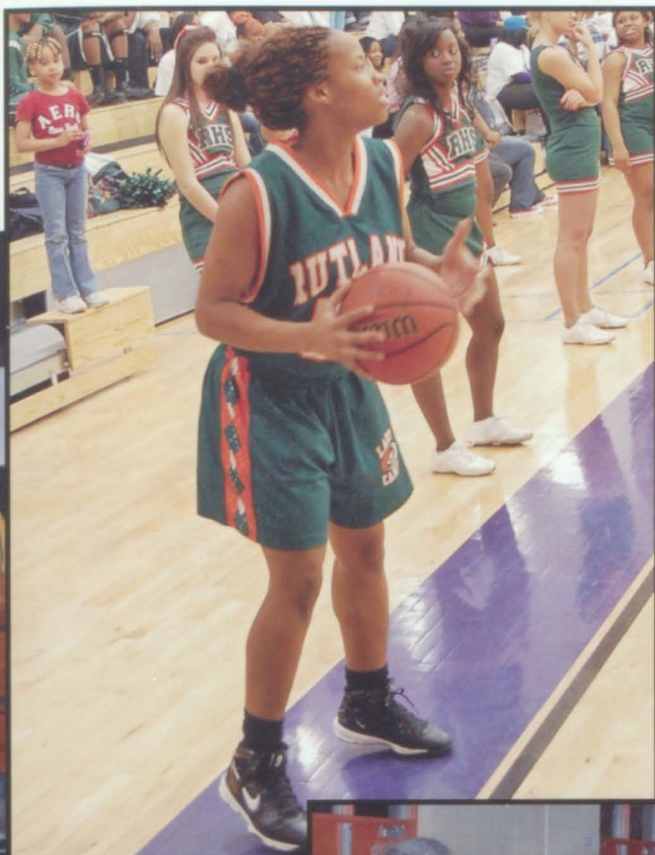
Another great season brought to us by the Lady Canes basketball team ignited the crowds again as they dominated the region. Hard practice, consistent playing, and great coaching paid off. Much of the success is due to Coach Dixon's experience and expertise as he ended the season with more than 200 wins as the Lady Canes basketball coach.

Reaching the Playoffs, the Lady Canes met the challenge of unfamiliar opponents with composure. Great teamwork and good sportsmanship sets the Lady Canes apart from less successful teams.



SCOREBOARD

Jackson	W
Woodland Academy	W
Spalding	W
Northeast	W
Woodward Academy	W
Central	W
Northeast	W
Southwest	W
Northeast	L
Eagle's Landing	W
Mary Person	W
Central	W
Woodland Academy	W
Maynard Jackson	W
Spalding	W
Jackson	W
Eagle's Landing	W
Woodward Academy	L
South Atlanta	W
Maynard Jackson	W
Southwest	W
Mary Person	W
South Atlanta	W



Page 36, left: Shaketa Hodges goes up for a rebound
 Page 36, bottom: Kendra Grant takes a free throw.
 Center: The Lady Canes celebrate after their victory.
 Page 37, top: My'stique Jackson waits to throw the ball in to make another great play.
 Page 37, left: Brittany Brooks passes the ball to a teammate.
 Page 37, above: Before the game, Shaquita Hodges shakes hands with the team as her name is called.

Bringing It

Rutland boys basketball team began the season with two wins. The crowd support from the student section built throughout the season, encouraging the team.

The boys had to readjust without "the big man", '08 grad Jonathan Brooks. Some of the season was a struggle to pull together as a team.

Regrettably, the team mainly relied more on individual talent and failed to rebuild their team "core" as strongly as they had in the past. Looking back on the season, Coach Christian wished for more cohesiveness, especially with the seven seniors leading the way. The Canes ended with a decent 14-10 record, but had hoped for a more victorious outcome.



SCOREBOARD

Jackson	W
Woodland	W
Spalding	L
Northeast	L
Woodward Academy	W
Central	L
Northeast	L
Southwest	W
Eagle's Landing	W
Mary Persons	W
Central	L
Woodland	W
Maynard Jackson	W
Spalding	L
Jackson	L
Eagle's Landing	W
Woodward Academy	W
South Atlanta	L
Maynard Jackson	W
Southwest	W
Mary Persons	W
South Atlanta	L



Page 38, Left: Bronco Davis sprints down the court.

Page 38, Center: The Canes talk strategy before the game.

Page 38, Top: The Canes score again.

Page 39, Top: Teammates show spirit for Antwone Grayer has he prepares for the game.

Page 39, Top Right: The canes pose for a picture before the game.

Page 39, Above: Tyler Sullivan packs the opposing team.

Page 39, Left: Corey Jackson dribbles past the opposing player.

Redefined

Once again the Lady Cane Softball team experiences extreme success as region champs. Encountering a loss of many talented senior players from the previous season and entering a new region with unfamiliar teams did not hinder the spirit or the record of our Lady Canes . With the final tally of a 13-2 region record, these talented women dominated on the field. The lady canes lost five senior starters, one of which was the star pitcher for the last four years. Sophomore Brittany Middleton stepped up to the plate to fill the place of their field pitcher. Even though the overall record was not as good as the year before, the team really stuck together and performed exceptionally well. With a new defense and new leaders the Lady Canes finished a great season.



SCOREBOARD

GMC (Scrimmage)	W
Pike County	L
Warner Robins	L
West Laurens	W
Pike County	L
Woodland High*	W
Spalding County*	W
Woodard Academy*	W
Maynard H Jackson *	W
Mary Persons*	W
Houston County	L
Warner Robins	L
Eagle's Landing*	W
Jackson*	L
Houston County	L
REGION	W



Page 40, left: Brittany Middleton pitches the ball straight down the middle to strike out the batter.

Page 40, top: Casey Oliver sprints to first after a hitting a line drive.

Center: The Lady Canes shake hands with their opponent after they won the game.

Page 41, top left: Brittany Tucker catches a ground ball hit to her and makes another great play.

Page 41, top center: My'stique Jackson catches a pop fly to end the inning.

Page 41, above: Makenzie Lee makes a great out at home.

Page 41, bottom left: Marlesa Bell makes an out at first.

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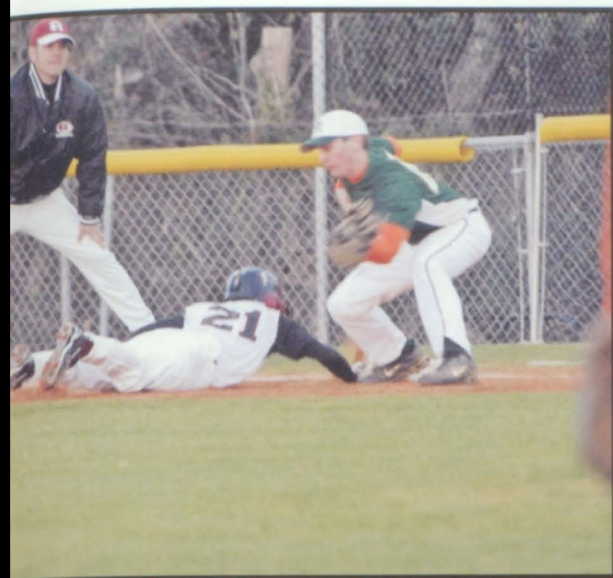
ield Of Dreams

The season started off February 23 against the 5-A Warner Robins Demons. The Canes came out with a loss, but remained strong. "A young team, starting to come together" is Coach Pritchard's description of the young Canes baseball team. Facing tough region competition in future games, they should nevertheless do well. With only one senior, the team is looking forward to growing in the years to come.



SCHEDULE

Feb 23	Warner Robins
Feb 25	Central
March 2	Perry
March 4	Westside
March 6	Perry
March 9	Mary Persons
March 11	Woodland
March 13	Eagles Landing
March 17	Spalding
March 20	Jackson
March 23	Warner Robins
March 25	Central
March 28	Westside
March 31	Woodward Academy
April 3	Mary Persons
April 6	Woodland
April 8	Eagles Landing
April 10	Spalding
April 14	Jackson
April 18	South Atlanta
April 24	Jackson, Atlanta
April 28	Woodward Academy

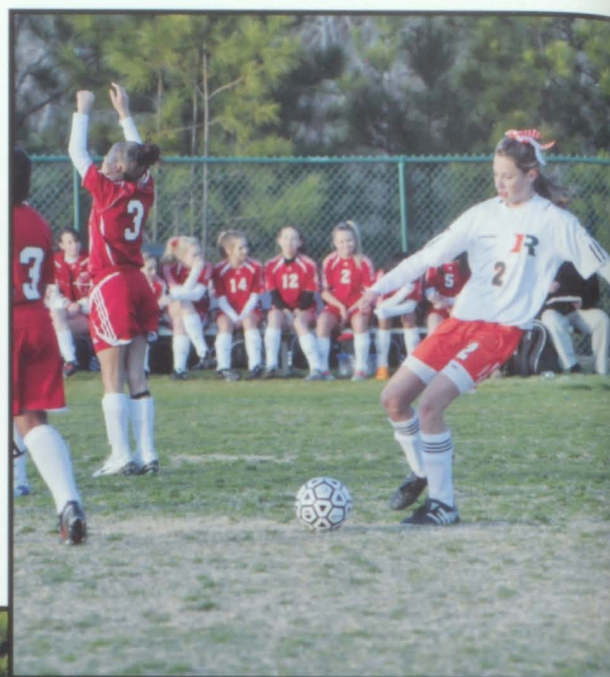


Page 42, Bottom: David Canady makes an out at third.
 Page 42, Center: The team evaluates their opponents skills before the game.
 Page 43, Top Left: Chase Hopper catches the ball at first to make the out.
 Page 43, Top Right: Blake Shouse catches a ball hit to him and makes a great play.
 Page 43, Center: Austin Torrey hits the ball and gets an RBI.
 Page 43, above: Danny Spires calls the pitch to strike out the batter.
 Page 43, Left: Ryan Bartholomew prepares to hit the ball.

Getting it Right on Friday Night

The girls soccer team struggled at the beginning of the year as the young team was fighting to stay alive in their new region. Led by senior captains Cymone Williams and Roxy Wilson, the Lady Canes tried to keep their heads up after some hard losses early in the season.

Relief came in the Jackson game, when victory was achieved in a tight 3-2 score.



Schedule

Warner Robins
Peach County
Perry
Mary Persons
Woodward Academy
Eagles' Landing
Woodland
Jackson
Bulldog Cup
Howard
South Atlanta
Maynard Jackson
Westside
Spalding
Central (Senior Night)



Page 44, Bottom Left: Cymone Williams clears the ball as she takes a goal kick.

Page 44, Center: Roxy Wilson takes the ball down field to make pass to a striker.

Page 45, Top: Lauren Ingram dribbles down the field to score.

Page 45, Top Left: Candace Cosnahan goes up for a save.

Page 45, Above: Ellie Barbee runs to keep the ball from going out of bounds

Page 45, Left: Skyla Smith runs to get the ball back to make another great play.

Y Young Team Shows Promise

After graduating seventeen seniors, the boys' soccer team had some rebuilding to do. Entering a harder region did not help at all with the younger group. But the team practiced long and hard to find the chemistry that would put the "W" on the board. New coach, Tony Jones, had a lot of work under his belt as he took on this young team. Coach Jones said, "The team shows much promise in the next few years." Only three seniors will graduate this year, two of which are foreign exchange students from Ecuador and Slovakia. The team was led by senior, Brett Combs and junior, Dustin Wilson. The 2009 season has endured a struggle.

But with more than half the starting line only freshmen, and an experienced new coach, the future looks bright for the young Canes



SCHEDULE

Warner Robins
Peach County
Perry
Mary Persons
Woodward Academy
Eagles' Landing
Woodland
Jackson
Bulldog Cup
Howard
South Atlanta
Maynard Jackson
Westside
Spalding
Central (Senior Night)



Page 46, Bottom Left: Luke Eady takes the ball up the field to get away from defenders.

Page 46, Top Right: Wilson Vegas takes a shot on goal.

Page 46, Center: Coach Jones gathers the team before the game to motivate them to do their best

Page 47, Top: Jacob Potts makes an amazing save to keep the boys in the game.

Page 47, Top Left: Emmanuel Awoyeye dribbles the ball down field to make a play.

Page 47, Above: Coach Jones and Assistant Coach Rafael Infernal watch the field to critique the game.

Page 47, Left: Brett Combs takes a free kick to send the ball down field.

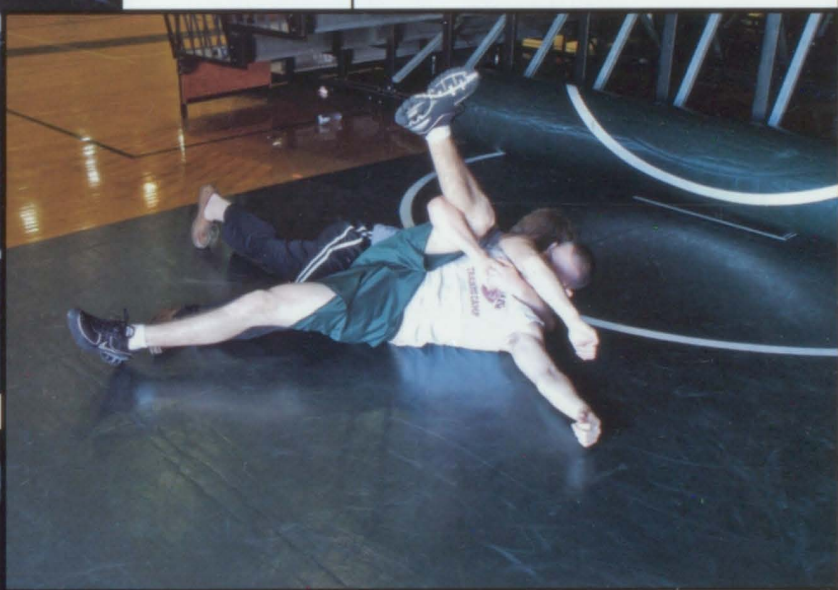
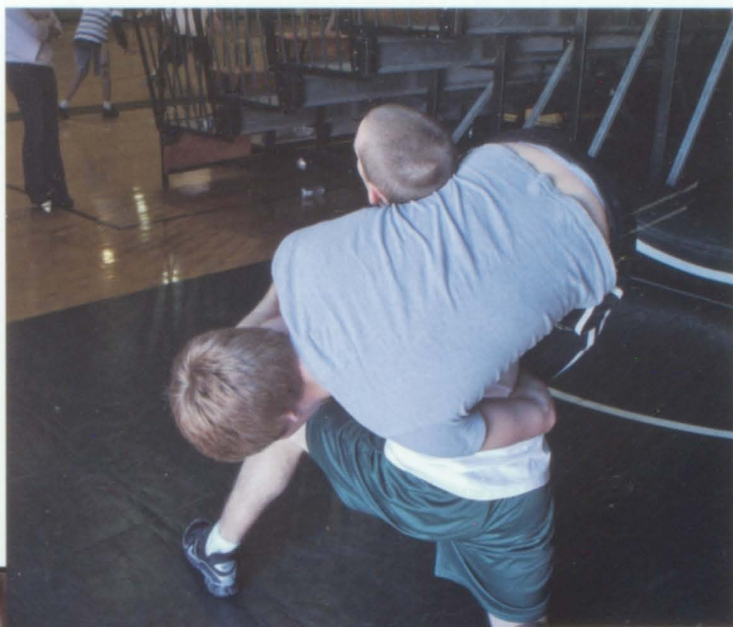
Wrestling Their Way to the Top

Wrestling, a sport in which Rultand has long excelled, dates back to Ancient Greece. This physical engagement between two people in the same weight category used techniques including clinching, holding, locking, applying leverage, and takedowns.



SCHEDULE

December 3	Perry / Central
December 6	Bear Duals
December 9	Houston County
December 16	Jones / Monticello
December 23	Jones Duals
January 3	Bibb County Tournament
January 7	Northside
January 9-10	Area Duals
January 14	Houston County / Jones County
January 16 - 17	State Duals
January 22	Southwest
January 23	Warner Robins
January 30	Northeast
February 4	Warner Robins



Drew Lewis is a senior captain for the wrestling team and got injured during the season but still kept the wrestling team in order and disciplined to make a great season



Mason McDaniel is also a senior captain who led the team, said "My favorite match was against Spalding". Mason later on made it to sectionals.

Cross Country Team Shows Endurance

Cross Country is a challenging sport that takes a large amount of determination. Thanks to the dedicated Coach Hickey from Skyview, our Cross Country team reached for the stars and succeeded. At Rutland our boys Cross Country team finished 5th in the Region and the girls finished 6th in the Region. There were 6 regular meets, 3 invitational, and 1 region. For the boys; brothers Mickel and Michan Craig had a great season. Mickel placed 15th in the region and Michan placed 16th. Both received medals at the Northeast invitational. With all the excitement for the boys team, two promising runners were injured early in the season, John Harvey and Brian Moore. For the girls; Kendra Grant was 1st place in 6 of the meets for our team. She placed 31st in the Region and received a medal at the Warner Robins invitational. Trey Simpson, 11th, says he enjoys the long distance running and thinks Cross Country is a very rewarding sport. Practice involves running three and a half miles everyday to increase endurance. And like most other sports, cross country members also lifted weights to increase muscle and help burn fat for a leaner body.





Page 50, Top: Tyler Tolbert at the Westside Invitational keeps his distance ahead of a Westside runner.

Page 51, Center: Trey Simpson runs at the Westside Invitational.

Page 50, Bottom: Sisters Shaquita and Shaketa Hodges, and Aziza Jabari warm up at the Westside Invitational

Page 50, Center: Atravia Chatman catches up to the head of the pack at the Northeast Invitational.

Page 51, Above: Trey Simpson and Kenneth Swayne take a moment to rest and rehydrate after a long event.

Page 51, Top: Kendra Grant runs.

Golf Season Begins with a Snowy Start

The 2008-2009 golf season was filled with high expectations. RHS has moved to a new region that will present us with new challenges Coached by Mr. Barrett, and led by John Barfield and Jonathon Rowe, the golf team works year round to ready themselves for the rigors of the season.

Barrett says "If we can read the "greens" and make clutch shots we will celebrate a 4-AAA championship this season." To have set a strategy is one thing. To remember and use it under stress will prove to be the real test.





SCHEDULE

Perry HS
 Westside High School
 Houston Co. Tournament
 Perry High/Worth High
 Eagle's Landing
 Howard High
 Houston Co HS
 Eagle's Landing
 Bibb County
 Championship
 Region Tournament

Pg. 52 Top left: Dylan Payne is unsuccessful in hitting his golf ball in the snow.

Pg. 52 left: Justin Armstrong holds the flag stick

Pg. 52 bottom: The RHS team watches the tournament at Houston County.

Pg. 53 John Barfield watches where his ball goes on hole 12 in the Houston County tournament.

Pg. 53 left, Jonathan Rowe and Alex Poulin ready their golf bags to carry to the next hole,

pg. 53, bottom, Cody Darden walks the course.



FOOTBALL

Bronco Davis, Dakota Toliver, Jamel Hickey, Richard Cherry, Jarkeemey Sanford, DeTerrius Jones, Timothy Ellington, Jamund Scott, Deshonvarus Lundy, Bryant Harrison, Immanuel Henderson, Deon Pinkney, Brett Combs, Gil Fruster, Maurice Davison, Jonathan Johnson, Dante Gatson, Michael Johnson, Chris Booze, Ryan Bartholomew, Colby Clarington, Larry Emery, Marcus Ligon, Derrick Chappell, De'Vante Dukes, Chris St. Fluor, Brandon Davison, Markese Farrar, Antwan Williams, Marcus Jackson, Kenny Hill, Aeron Carter, Atemius Gordon, Jerriel Parker, Jonathon Jackson, Larry Thomas, Anthony Smith, Virgil Burton, Andrew Lewis, Josh Crowell, Preston Sanford, Trea'darius Spivey, Bobby Slocumb, Patrick Williams, Darius Tucker, Seth Sutton, Benjamin Wideman, Bernard Walker, Algernon Davis, Jaleel Brown, Adonis Perkins, Andrew Poulin, Marcus Smith, Michael Robinson, Michael Payne, Brandon Wood, Antwaun Glynn, Tre'Corrion Worriels, Chad Glover, Blair Brown, Holden Copeland, Chad Mimbs, Jeremiah Reid, Manager: Benjamin Marsh



BOYS SOCCER



Brett Combs, Wilson Egas-Benavides, Maros Horvath, Adrian Childs, Kenneth Maddox, Dustin Wilson, Emmanuel Awoyeye, Larry Cole, Joshua Crowell, Jeremy Greene, Nathan Olgetree, Jacob Potts, Gustavo Barragan, Michon Craig, Mickel Craig, Luke Eady, Nick Freeman, Angel Gomez, Nattapong Kilangsa-Art, Cameron Willis.
Managers: Taylor Bledsoe, Rafael Linfornal

BASEBALL

Ryan Bartholomew, David Canady, Danny Spires, Chase Hopper, Will Jester, Hunter Spivey, Blake Shouse, Austin Torrey, Cody Phillips, Jonathon Jones, Reese Stokes, Chance Gordon, Brian Tucker, Matt Arnold, Dustin Compton



BOYS BASKETBALL



Bronco Davis, Corey Jackson, Dewayne Bawn, Dante Gastin, Tevin Oliver, Jarvis Kills, Kenneth Swayne, Ormaine White, Austin Torrey, Stanley Walker, Tyler Sullivan, Matt Worthy, Randy Billingslea, Antwone Grayer

Managers: Kawanna Sellette, Chalandra Selette, Kiana Londy, Lobnya Sams

GOLF

John Barfield, Jonathon Rowe, Alex Poulin, Cody Durden, Andrew Poulin, Brandon Watson, Dylan Payne, Justin Armstrong, Trevor Irby, Noel Davis, Lorena Karz.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL



Myles Hodges, Patrick Scoles, Matthew McDaniel, Jake Bradshaw, Jeremy Chambers, Dalton McEldowney, Chase Amerson, Justin Blizzard, Brannen Odum, Jonathon Rousey, Chad Mims

SOFTBALL

Brooke Chester, Brittany Middleton, Marlesa Bell, Tae Smith, Mystique Jackson, Tori Stroud., Chelsea Johns, Haleigh Lyles, Breigh Findlay, Tiffany Sams, McKenzie Lee, Brittany Tucker, Casey Oliver.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ilesha Dawson, Brittany Brooks, Kendra Grant, Alisha Irvy, Cayla Jones, Shajuan Watts, Tomecia Watson, Shaquita Hodges, Kyrmia Smith, Zonesha Davis, Yashica (Tae) Smith, Shaketa Hodges, Mystique Jackson
Manager: Chiquella Taylor



GIRLS SOCCER

Cymone Williams, Diane Wilson, Roxy Wilson, April Bivins, Shannon Pinnell, Brook Austin, Eleanor Barbee, Candace Cosnahan, Lauren Ingram, Jasmine King, Taylor Monroe, Kayla Page, Tiffany Sanders, Mallory Smith, Melanie Spillman, Ronda Walls, Carly Mathews, Ashley Rosado, Skyla Smith
Managers: Justin Williams, Delaney Connell, Jessica Webb





Record First Place in County Achieved by Elite Lady Canes Basketball Team **From Final Eight to Top Four- Journey Worth Traveling**

It's a long journey from first game to THE FINAL FOUR. But that's exactly where the Lady Canes found themselves the second week of March.

Led by veteran basketball coach, "Silent Storm" Johnny Dixon, the team has shown poise, teamwork, and humility.

When asked how she prepares for a state title competition, Kendra Grant said "We try to keep focused. We always pray before our games".

Tae Smith commented that prayer has always been a part of the Lady Canes pre-game preparation and success.

Manager Chiquella Taylor says, "I pray everyday for God to help us out -hustle more than the other team and keep our stress level down."

The team faced the Carrolton Trojans at the Macon Centraplex on Friday March 13 at four o'clock.

First on the schedule, the girls were pumped by a walk-through send off at school prior to leaving for the tournament.

Coach Dixon keep his game face on, and the school honored the team with our first: "Green Out".

First quarter began with nervous energy from both teams. The athletes settled down, and it appeared this was to be a well-balanced match. And it was, initially.

Canes were leading by nine points during the high point in second quarter. But high scorer Kendra Grant (14 points,) began limping with a serious stress-fracture injury ,and Tae Smith (13 points) showed fatigue from the aggressive Carrolton team.

The Lady Canes fought well, but the scoreboard told the final story: Rutland, 51, Carrolton 68.



CW03 Robert E. DeWitt



Color Guard



1st SGT. Joseph H. Chitwood



Bravo Company



Alpha Company



Rifle Team



Delta Company



Charlie Company

ROTC

Marines Unit

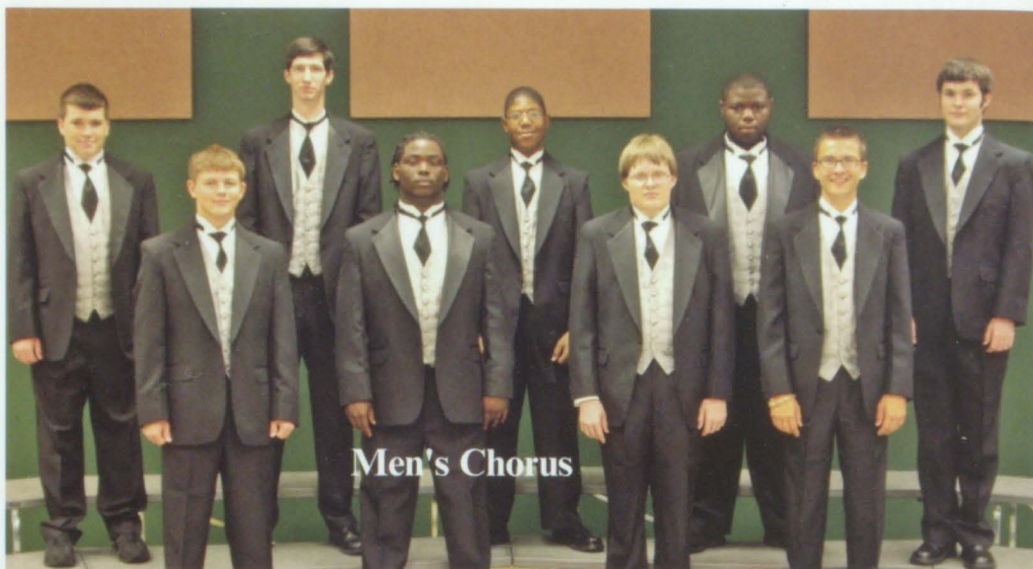


C "May the Music Never End" Chorus

Rutland Chorus members are singers unparalleled in the Middle Georgia area. Mr. Hernandez expects (and gets) perfection in performance at local, regional, and state levels. (for a report of district and state-ranking students, check honors section).

Every year the chorus travels to a destination to compete, perform, and enjoy the local scene. Last year's trip to historic Memphis included several entertaining moments especially a barbeque dance party in Elvis Presley's garage.

This year's trip was slated to be the pinnacle of all- performing at Lincoln Memorial and workshops in actual Broadway theatres, but due to a forced rescheduling, most students were unable to attend..



Men's Chorus



The Intermediate Women's Chorus



Advanced Women's Chorus

Students(below) enjoy performing at Cherry Blossom festival events and competitions.



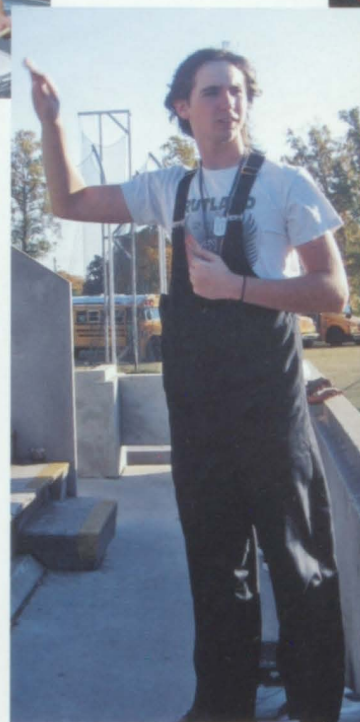
Chorus Officers
Jasmine King (sec.), Beth Floyd
(wardrobe), Casey Edge (treasurer),
Shalandra Royal (pres.)



The 2008-2009 Hurricane band members use their musical inclination to lift school spirit. They were ranked superior during the fall competition showing they possess, not only heart, but also talent. Mr. Matthews, band director, says that the band has not only grown in skill but also in numbers, with band membership higher for the '09 school year. Rutland's fine art's department is filled with students who want to pursue their passions and learn some things along the way much like band member, Lance Troutman who said, "music is my thing" when asked why he joined the band.

Band students faced the grueling summer heat at band camp, as they learned the new half time theme music from Journey. Just learning the formations designed to go with the music is very hard work..

But when the show comes together and they march on to the field to perform, the excitement permeates the air and the crowd.



The Pride of the Hurricanes

Band





Clockwise, starting above: Drum line performs at halftime show, John Norrell balances the tuba and hits the low notes, the Pride of the Hurricanes pose in the stands during the fall competition, Mr. Mathews directs during Spirit Week, Chris Harkins shows good form during a performance, Casey Dean and Mr. Mathews warm up Kenneth Lawrence, Drum Major, directs, and band marches during annual Christmas parade in downtown Macon.

To the right: Seniors, Anna Suber and Kawanna Sallette, on the field at halftime doing routines that they prepare themselves for each week.

To the left: Color Guard at a football game cheering on the Hurricanes!



Color Guard

Color Guard is the combination of flag core and dance team. Rutland's Color Guard serves as a visual to the songs that our band plays. They entertain us and their big smiles lift our spirits when we are down at halftime during the football games. Along with the band, they enter competitions and are judged by their performance. Have you ever considered what it takes to be in Color Guard? "It takes hardcore determination and the drive to do it", says Anna Suber, captain.

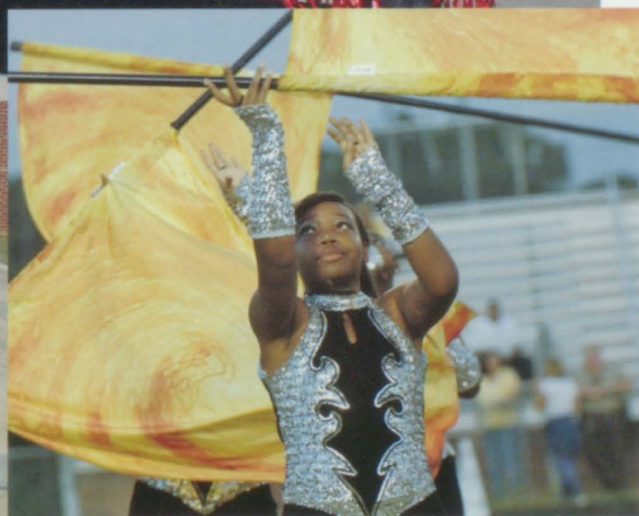
In order to be the best they can be, Color Guard must practice frequently. During football season, practices occur on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3 to 5. At practice the team starts off stretching and talking about their day to help release any stress they may have. After stretching it's time to practice routines. The routines are very important to the success of the Color Guard so they give them their all.

There are many advantages and disadvantages that result from involvement in Color Guard. For Anna Suber, the best part about Color Guard is being the captain. All in all the most rewarding thing is being on the field at halftime, looking up at the crowd, knowing they are watching you and all of the precise movements that should be perfectly coordinated. In order to have that rewarding feeling, Color Guard has to be ready.

The amount of time it takes to get ready is the biggest disadvantage for the girls. The make-up, uniforms, and most importantly, the hair take time to be consistent and "just right". The rushing can be extremely stressful, but this doesn't hold back the dedicated team members that make our Color Guard what it is; the best thing since toasted bread!



To the right: Anna Suber, captain, says "Color Guard is a great experience. It's worth all the rushing to know that the crowd is watching you. The few minutes on the field is the best of our week."



Above: Ja'Lisa Pleas spins her flag at a halftime show. The crowd doesn't think about the hours and hours it takes to get this maneuver exactly right.

result of weathering? The Statue, designed by French artist Bartholdi, was first a shiny copper color when it arrived.

Art students Jessie Norrell, Erika Billingslea, Dustin Lanier and Ricky

Lester Work hard.

Mrs. Dantzler and Mrs. Barfield pose with Thomas Groves at the winter art exhibit, and Delaney Connnett checks out the artwork on the art hall wall.



Visual Arts

The stress is on for many visual arts students as they strive to put together a viable Advanced Placement portfolio.

With a record number of students working towards this goal, they strive to produce 29 college-level pieces.

There are also several prestigious art contests that RHS visual art students enter, including the Kiwanis and Protege exhibits. The Congressional competition is sponsored by Senator Jim Marshall.

Among our 2008-2009 faculty is a new visual arts teacher, Mrs. Dantzler. Dantzler's colorful personality goes hand in hand with the classes she teaches. Her goals are to "create a network of artists", "teach the language of art", and most importantly make Rutland's art department the best in the state. The students have taken a liking to Mrs. Dantzler's creative and effective teaching methods. Jess Mulleins said "Mrs. Dantzler taught me how to improve my still life skills." Another student, Jessie Norrell likes Mrs. Dantzler's stories about famous artists like the one time she saw Andy Warhol.



on the shore of America in 1886. Green ware is in term for unbred pottery. After students who use recycled materials are considered "Green".





Melissa Miller
sports, clubs, senior ads



Brett Combs
sports, senior ads



Jennifer Bilow
opening section,
organizations, senior ads



Breigh Findlay
clubs, classes, senior ads



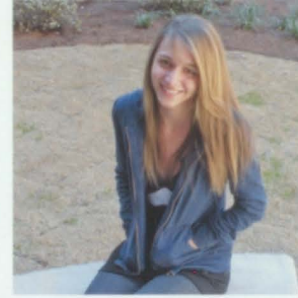
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ads, organizations senior
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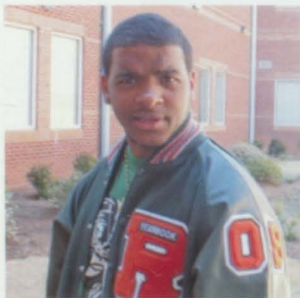
Cooper Lowe
clubs, classes, senior ads



Erika Allen
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Elena Garza
organizations, senior ads



Al Raines
classes, senior ads



Brooke Davenport
organizations, senior ads



Jocelaine PresenDieu
classes, senior ads



Hoppy Chicken
Yearbook Mascot



"Green" Staffers Produce Great Book

We started out as a very GREEN staff- all but two were brand new to journalism. We quickly agreed that the "Green" theme would work on many levels for our book.(Marla Sapp's idea). We chose green topics that would apply to our students. Each staffer researched that topic and created a double page spread for the theme section. Former RHS teacher, Ms. Moore along with Mrs. Barfield spent a record six and a half hours designing the cover. Mrs. Paula Bennett meticulously recorded all the money for ad sales, senior ads, and yearbook payments. Yearbook staffers took most photos, but we also were thankful for contributions from Ms. Childers, Mr. Pitts, and Mr. Barrett. Ed McConnell and Helene Cox, Lifetouch representations were life savers upon several occasions.

All of the staff worked hard, but some came through with large numbers of pages and really put forth a great deal of effort. They include: Jennifer Bilow: Theme Editor, Marla Sapp: Ads Editor, Melissa Miller Sports Co-Editor and Clubs Editor, Brett Combs: Co-Sports Editor, Jocelaine Presen Dieu, Breigh Findlay, and Cooper Lowe, for classes section and various other well-done sections. We thank all of the students and teachers who gave us quotes, filled out questionnaires, and let us take their photo. We did this for you, our school. We hope it brings you great memories and causes you to consider the greener way of treating our planet.



Y THE EYE of the Storm earbook Staff



How did "Hoppy" help make the yearbook happen? When we had a really bad day, or missed a deadline,, Hoppy would tell us to just hop back up, get back on our feet, and finish what we started!

Bringing In "The Green" Income...

Athletics

Athletic Director Coach Collins filled us in on how funds are raised for the athletic department. Ticket sales are big money raisers. Concessions sold by parents who selflessly miss games their children are playing to make and sell popcorn, hot dogs, nachos, and drinks raise a big portion of funds.

The coaches of each sport are responsible for their own fund raising. Several successful fund raisers in this category include breakfast Chick-Fil-A biscuits, healthy snacks, and Powerade.

Coach Collins also introduced the R Card ,available to parents and students that would allow them free access to all home athletic events which has also added funds to the Athletic coffers.



Cheerleading, FEA,
Drama, Color Guard



Jack- of all Trades, Mrs. Christian is in charge of four programs and their funds. Cheerleading, Drama, Color Gaurd and FEA are all her responsibility.

The FEA (Future Educators of America) sells and delivers cards,candy, and stuffed bears for Valentines Day and other events throughout the year.

Drama performs their plays for a small admission price. The cost of just one play is usually about \$ 1000.00 including props, costumes, and script.

Cheerleading and color gaurd sponsor fund raisers to help pay for their uniforms.

Can you imagine the job of book keeper Mrs. Scott? She has all of the incoming funds to count, record, keep spread sheets on, and deposit.

To raise money for the general fund, parking permits for student drivers and temporary ID's are sold.

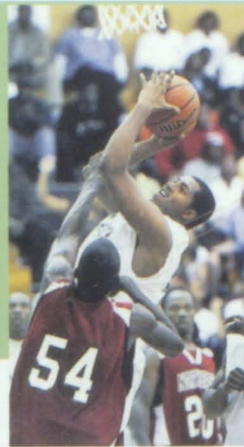
Band and Chorus have a booster organization that oversees their finances and fundraiser.

The money is used to purchase music and to send students to competitions .

Yearbook students are required to sell \$ 300.00 of ads each to help bring the cost of the yearbook down for their fellow students. Even though each book costs over \$ 100.00, the staff offers the book for sale starting at only \$ 60.00.

All of the Rest





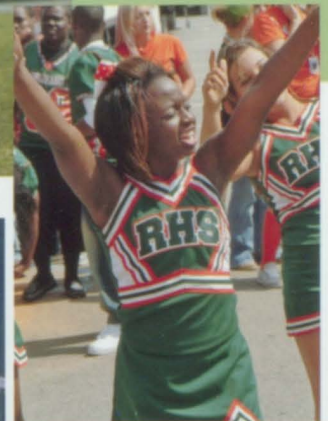
Uniforms are a vital part of any sports program. The downside is their high cost and wear and tear from season to season.



MONEY FACT: Cost of a high school football helmet is \$300.00

FEA uses the money from their fund raisers to honor the teachers at RHS. They purchase small treats and gifts and host a breakfast that is held each semester for teachers. They also sponsor a raffle for faculty meetings.

The Drama Department performs for Rutland High parents and students. They also take "the show on the road" to feeder elementary schools. Drama class and club students are involved in the production of the plays.



MONEY FACT:
DECA sells cookies during lunch every week. The funds are used for DECA Club activities.



MONEY FACT:
Cost of band uniform: \$500.00
Cost of Cheerleader Uniform: \$278.00
Cost of Color Guard Flag: \$55.00



...Outcome

DRAMA CLUB



Members Include: President Anna Suber, Vice President Tyler Logue, Secretary Jasmine Flowers, Treasurer Nakia Cummings, Historian Chalandra Sallette, Business Manager Kawanna Sallette, Michael Amerson, Ashley Atkinson, Marlesa Bell, Robin Collins, Zenobia Harris, Caitlin Horne, Aziza Jabari, Breanna Mack, Tiphonie McClure, Arishonna Perkins, Shannon Pinnell, Kacy Polk, Amber Ramirez, Kaitlin Rowe.

Creative Students Design Sets

What would the three productions of the Drama Club be with out a set?

Set designers avoid the spot light, but their contribution is vital.

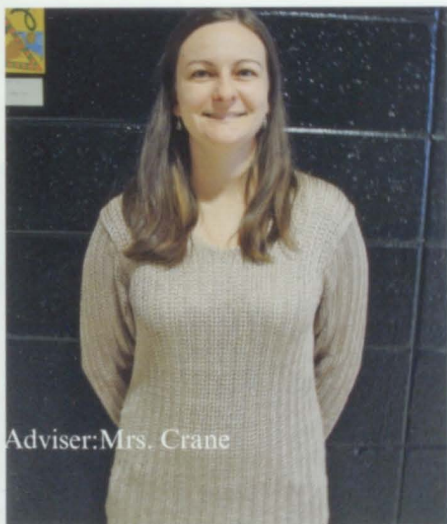
Samantha Chubbuck, Delaney Connell, and Geordi Couto spent after school hours designing and painting the sets for Crenshaw Family Reunion, Who's Dying to be a Millionaire, and Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat productions. Delaney said, "I'm a very artistic person and I enjoy being able to contribute to the productions without actually being on stage." The backdrops are painted on large hinged structures, and once one play is over, they are primed and redesigned for the next production. With a tight budget, this is the most economical and environmentally beneficial way to reuse and recycle materials.



BETA



Members include: President Mary Welch, Vice-President- Ryan Bartholomew, Secretary- Melissa Miller, Treasurer- Kandance Stephens, Launga Anderson, Daniel Arnold, Alisha Ashley, Deborah Awoyeye, Emmanuel Awoyeye, Nicki Bailey, Andrew Bennett, Jennifer Bilow, Marilyn Bui, Candance Cosnahan, Casey Edge, Breigh Findlay, Brian Gay, Christian Grandison, Daniel Hall, Lauren Ingram, Jasmine King, Tyler Logue, Cooper Lowe, Miles Mashburn, Courtney Meeks, Brittany Middleton, Justin Moore, Kyle Moore, Patrick Morris, Nil Patel, Kaitlyn Rountree, Chelsey Rutherford, Rocio Salazar, Kawanna Sallette, Blake Shouse, Trey Simpson, Derek Smith, Mallory Smith, Melanie Spilman, Cealan Strickland, Tyler Sullivan, Chiquella Taylor, BJ Tucker, Calabria Turner, Jessica Webb, Mara Wynn



Adviser: Mrs. Crane

Every Two Seconds, a fellow American Needs Blood

The Beta Cub is a national honor society that recognizes leadership, achievement, service, and character and encourages them in continuing their education after high school. Students must have a GPA of 3.5 to become a member of Beta. Beta started off this school year with a new advisor, Sara Crane, and new officers. The club is involved in many community services activities, including the American Red Cross Blood Drive.



Students who gave blood during one of our Red Cross drives display the pride in helping others.

DECA



Members Include: Erika Allen, Dustin Archer, Kristyn Archer, Marlesa Bell, Marc Bonneville, Tiffany Brown, Heather Burnett, Brooke Chester, Kelly Crooms, Lakeisha Grier, Melvin Harris, Jessica Hill, Dartellis Hodges, Darius Howard, Destini Jones, Rachael Jones, Heather Kaufman, Jasmine Kemp, Justin King, Brandon Middlebrooks, Marylizza Mofford, Candace Molton, Dylan Payne, Arishonna Perkins, William Rutledge, Caleb Scarborough, Brittany Scott, Anthony Serrato, Brittany Smith, Tyundra Stanley, Jordan Steinberg, Benjamin Tarpley, Umar Taskeen, Luke Williams, Keffany Wynn.

Delta Epsilon Chi (DECA) is a national honor society for students studying marketing, finance, entrepreneurship, sales, service, and hospitality. This year, DECA has been on the move. Most students at Rutland know DECA sells cookies, but they do more than that. This year six DECA members made it to state competition. These members had the opportunity to go to the Sports and Entertainment Conference in Orlando, Florida for four days. Those who went got to converse with some of the conference speakers including the Vice President of NASCAR and the head of management of Universal Studios.



Student Focus Group

The Student Focus Group is Rutland's movers and shakers. They are a group of selected representatives from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. They let Ms. Gilbert know of concerns and new ideas that would make Rutland a better school. Not a shy group- they must be able to speak up and make their opinions known. Member Breigh Findlay said, "As a group, we try to voice the opinion of the entire student body to Ms. Gilbert. She is always open and grateful to hear the ideas that her students present."



Future Business Leaders of America



Members Include: Mathew Adams, Alisha Ashley, Jason Benge, Leanna Benge, Benjamin Bevins, Taylor Bledsoe, Brooke Collins, Bria Brown, Emily Bryan, Shawni Casteel, Ashley Crute, Algernon Davis, Lesha Dawson, Abbie Edwards, Diamonique Ethridge, Chanteralyn Fuller, Joenelle Frye, Christian Grandison, Russell Greene, Philip Haney, Amber Harris, Adrienne Holsey, Brittany Hughes, Alex Johnson, Jennifer McCranie, Kyle Milam, Nathan Miles, Melissa Miller, Casey Oliver, Rebecca Powell, Jonathon Rowe, Chris Ryjkoff, Nicholas Slaton, Tramicia Smith, Austin Spires, Hunter Spivey, Treadarius Spivey, Umar Taskeen, Chiquella Taylor, Tori Taylor, Tim Theus, Brandon Watson, Mary Welch, Ashley White, Dylan Lance

Future Educators Association



Members Include: Aziza Jabrai, Laugna Anderson, JacQuitta Beeks, Jeremy Greene, Kaylyn Miller, Chalandra Sallette, Jennifer Bilow, Nakia Cummings, Sean Devenney, Luke Williams, Kenneth Maddox, Sydney Banks, Supporia Yates, Erika Allen, Robin Collins, Tyler Logue, Kawanna Sallette, Candice Sledge, Anna Suber, Lateshia Thomas, Alexius Bonner, Brittany Corn, Brittany Hughes

Student Council



Members Include: President - Ashley Allbritton, Vice President - Christian Grandison, Secretary - Geordi Couto, Treasurer Tyler Sullivan, Laugna Anderson, Tiffany Brown, Samantha Chubbuck, Delaney Connell, Bronco Davis, Maurice Davison, Abbie Edwards, Diamanique Etheridge, Tori Jackson, Rachael Jones, Dylan Lance, Clarence Richardson, Lindsey Tarpley, Chiquella Taylor, Jessica Webb, Roxy Wilson

First Priority



Members Include: Leaders April bivins and Adrian Childs, Andrew Bennett, Stewart Bilow, Nick Crumpton, Spencer Crumpton, Casey Edge, Taria Fountain, Ashlind Koskela, Whitney Little, Allison Marlow, Jessica Marlow, Kayla Mattingly, Al Raines, Kaitlyn Rowe, Josh Ruff, Marla Sapp, Cory Smith, Parker Smith, Eunice Waters and Patrick Williams

Jobs for Georgia Grads



Members Include: Launga Anderson, nicki bailey, Sydney Banks, Logan Broadnax, Brittany Brooks, Shannan Brooks, Jakari Brown, Kyline Carswell, Kalaylah Collier, Mia Crawford, Bronco Davis, Sharonte' Davis, Jacinda Durham, Diamonique Ethridge, Alcia Fields, Raynisha Frazier, Chenterlyn Fuller, Ronkeisha Glynn, artemus gordon, Kendra Grant, Yicureia Hale, Daniel Hall, April Hargrove, Taneshia Hart, Immanuel Henderson, Atticus Hodges
Advisor: Malorie Jefferson

FCCLA



Members Include: Robert Bell, Monique Calhoun, Adrienne Carey, Abbie Edwards, Courtney Ellis, Natalie Farris, Clorissa Harris, Rachel Jones, Lorena Kurz, Yesenia Magana, Tiphonie McClure, Laura Mitchell, Amber Ramirez, Laporshia Rhodes, Kaitlyn Rountree, Haley Williams, Tiaria Windham, Supporia Yates, Kallie Young
Advisor:

Model UN



Members include: Kristin Archer, Tiffany Brown, mark Christmas, Brett Combs, Erika Coons, Morgan Delk, Ciara Haugabrook, Zenobia Harris, Azziza Jabari, Tyler Logue, Tiphonie McClure, Mason McDaniel, Trang Ngyuen, Shannon Pinnell, Kacey Polk, Connor Snow, Anna Suber, Umar Taskeen , and Danielle Dykes
Advisor: Brian Rubin

Prom Committee



Members Include: Jennifer Bilow, Brooke Davenport, Sean Deveenney, and Breyahna English
Mrs. Hill, adviser, has lots of work , but the workers are few this year. Plans include a travel theme, With Prom scheduled much later than usual this year, there will be ample time for the whole thing to come together.

Chess Club



Members Include: Kyle Moore, Umar Taskeen, Tyler Myers, Conner Snow, and Joseph Harrison

Gaming Club



Members Include: Justin Moore, Tyler Myers, Dartellis Hodge, Chris Hill, Juan Novoa, Loreand Novoa, Lori Whitley, Matthew Brock, Ethan Carter, and Desmari Jones
Advisor: Stacey Carpenter

Bowling Team



Members Include: Matthew Adams, Ben Bivins, Michael Payne, Jessica Morris, Brittany Moore, Haley Williams, and Dallas Smith
Advisor: Susan Bailey

Ms. Gilbert

Principal Ms. Gilbert is in her second year at Rutland's helm.

Establishing a legacy of accomplishments, she has begun the School of International Studies during this 2008-09 school year. She can also be credited with finishing the Senior Courtyard. Facing obstacles such as having to add a second doorway for safety and dealing with French drain issues, she led the school in raising the \$15,000 to pay for the work. It was indeed a sight to see a bulldozer coming into the building to deliver heavy bricks and stone to finalize the project.

Seniors wait patiently for spring's warm air and sunshine so that they can enjoy eating lunch in the area.





Mrs. Thompson

New to Rutland, Mrs. Thompson organized the newly-formed crisis team and works first hand with tenth and eleventh graders.



Dr. Jones Franklin

In her second year at Rutland, Dr. Jones-Franklin took on the responsibility for the freshmen class in their new academy.. With over 400 students, she is responsible for almost half of the student population.



Dr. Norfleet

New to Rutland, Dr. Norfleet coordinates testing and AP students. He works with the seniors.



Photos:

Fond Farewell

Ms. Gilbert speaks at the farewell event for the Ugandan students in January.

First to Visit

On a rare warm January day, some seniors strike a pose with *Ms. Gilbert*.

Checking ID's

Dr. Norfleet spots a student who looks to be out of dress code. Upon closer inspection, however, he sees the ID.

Lunchroom Duty

Keeping students on their toes, *Ms. Jones-Franklin* spends time with students in the lunchroom. (above) and *Mrs. Thompson* talks with a couple of young men after they have finished eating.



Andrea Aivila, Custodial
Lisa Amos, Career Technical and
 Agricultural Education
Julius Awoyeye, Mathematics
Chad Averett, Physical Education
Susan Bailey, Science
Alton Barrett, Social Studies



Thomas Bates, Career-Technical
 Education
Sebastian Beal, Mathematics
Paula Bennett, Media Clerk
Stacey Bennett, Career-Technical
 Education
Sara Bhardwai, Science
Mary Biggs, Mathematics



Brenda Blain, Social Studies
Jacqueline Bromfield, Custodial
Barbara Brown, Career-Technical
 Education
Pamela Cannon, Paraprofessional
Darlene Capista, Career-Technical
 Education
Stacy Carpenter, Science



Advanced Placement 3/D studio student Brittany Tucker works in the medium of styrofoam that was donated to the Visual Arts department by Ms. Amos. Brittany found that the styrofoam sculpts easily and holds tempera and acrylic paints. Her finished piece is shown at left.



Lee Childers, Media Specialist
Veronica Christian, English
Ron Christian, Physical Education
George Collins, Career-Technical Education
Mia Corey, Technology Specialist
Sara Crane-Cowart, Social Studies

Marissa Cugal, Science
Brooks Dantzler, Fine Arts
Karen Davis, Technology Specialist
Jay DeGrandis, English
Anca E. Demsorean, Mathematics
Cynthia Dennis, Exceptional Children

Gunner DeWitt, Marine ROTC
Johnny Dixon, Social Studies
Jeffery Durham, Custodial
Gailtricia Fogg, Exceptional Children
Cindy Folendore, Science
Shelia Fulford, English

Rutland's Greenest of Green

Rutland's faculty practices the three R's*

You would think that the "greenest" teachers would most likely be the youngest teachers on the block. But after collecting our teacher surveys, we found that two of our seasoned faculty members actually did the most to help our environment. Both Ms. Amos and Ms. Folendore recycle rainwater, plastic and glass. When asked what "being green" means to them, they say that it means leaving our earth better than you found it. They grow some of their own food and avoid pesticides. Ms. Amos cannot stand contributing to landfills. She actually donates the styrofoam that our computers are packaged in to the Fine Arts department. So why do they feel it's important to recycle? Ms. Amos says "It's foolish not to." Ms. Folendore teaches her biology students to avoid polluting by assigning experiments that show the dangers of runoff in lake water. Ms. Amos and Ms. Folendore know that everything they do is making a difference and thanks to them, our earth just might last a little bit longer. *The three R's are reduce, reuse, recycle.



Christy Gay, Principal's Secretary
Gail Gilbert, Principal
Bryan Gilmore, Literature
Tina Graham, Media
Beverly Harris, Head Custodial
La Tosha Harris, Paraprofessional



Susan Hearn, Nutrition
Ana Hernandez, Foreign Language
Charles Hernandez, Fine Arts Chorus
Kimberly Hernandez, English
Alvaro Henriquez, Foreign Language
Tiffany Hill, English



Cheryl Hitchcock, Graduation Coach
Kathi Jackson, Exceptional Children
Malorie Jefferson, Job for Georgia Graduates
Doug Johnson, Physical Education
Janet Johnson, Exceptional Children
Loretta Jones, Receptionists



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ew, but not so Green

We have added a few new faculty members to RHS, but none are what you might call "green".

Here's a few facts about some of our excellent faculty additions.
Ms. Henderson (right) hails from Columbus where she taught at Harris County Middle School. She really prefers teaching Algebra I and II. Her hobby is traveling- she has visited the "Wild, Wild West of Wyoming, Idaho, and Nevada. The furthestmost north she has been is Maine.



Mrs. Graham, right below, is new to our Media Department. She has been a great addition to the brilliant duo of Ms. Childers and Mrs. P. Bennett. Parker Smith says that Mrs. Graham has a sweet personality and cares for the students like a second mom.



Ms. Jukes, who attended Stratford Academy and UGA travels from Howard High to Rutland each day to teach French students. She says "The gas seems to leak out of my car like water, but it breaks up my day and I really enjoy getting to know so many teachers and students. Her favorite French foods are cheese and tarts, and her favorite French place is Montpellier, where she studied while in college. "It's a college town on the beach- it doesn't get much better!"





Tony Jones, Social Studies
Barbara Jones-Franklin, Assistant Principal
Justine Jordan, Exceptional Children
Hema Keerthi, Mathematics
David Kelly, Physical Education
Ethel Kendrick, Nutrition

Barbara Leggett-Hughes, English as Second Language
David Meeks, Social Studies
Shannon Norfleet, Assistant Principal
Kelly O'Connor, Paraprofessional
Shirley Perry, Career-Technical Education
David Popwell, Exceptional Children

Christine Ragin, Custodial
Fred Randolph, Exceptional Children
Adrienne Ray, Mathematics
Sylvia Ray, Exceptional Children
Carol Reilly, Mathematics
Deidra Romero, English



Left to right: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Jukes, Sgt. Chitwood, Mr. Saye, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Capista, Dr. Norfleet, Mrs. Dantzler, Mrs. Thompson

Rhonda Royster, Exceptional Children
 Brian Rubin, Social Studies
 Liz Sanders, Social Studies
 Julie Scott, Science
 Deborah Stanley, Paraprofessional
 Beverly Stewart, Counselor



Judy Stroud, Paraprofessional
 Chip Stuart, Science
 Liva Taylor, Nutrition
 Samantha Thompson, Assistant Principal
 Bill Tyre, Mathematics
 Jasper Valeriano, Science

Demeiko Vaughn, Mathematics
 Danny Webb, Custodial
 Bubba Williams, Physical Education
 Wanda Windham, Nurse
 Donna Wright, Exceptional Education
 Clementine Wyche, Career-Technical Education

Tres Amigos:

Three faculty members have the last name Hernandez: Mr. C. Hernandez, chorus director, Ms. A. Hernandez, Spanish, and Ms. K. Hernandez, English.

Nurturing Nurse

Who works at both the Middle and High School.

How does Mrs. Windham do it?

Tacky Teachers

Tacky Day brings out the worst in teachers:

Mrs. Reilly-Math
 Mrs. Romero-
 Language Arts



(actually, most of the time they are very presentable)

2 Musketeers

Two of our male teachers have pony tails:
 Mr. Bates-Technology
 Mr. Jones- Social Studies

By the Numbers

(Strange , Unusual and Somewhat Odd)

Faculty Facts



Rocio Burlison, Foreign Language
Denise Rainey, Nutrition

Green Birthstones:

(peridot or emerald)

All of the following have May or August birthdays

Mrs. Jones Franklin	Mr. Dixon	Mr. Tidwell
Mrs. Brown	Mrs. Keerthi	Mrs. Vaughn
Mrs. Carpenter	Mr. Omel	Mrs. Wright
Mrs. Childers	Mr. Popwell	Mr. Durham
Mr. DeGrandis	Mrs. Ray	Mrs. Griffin
Gunner DeWitt	Mrs. Scott	Mrs. Jones

Two Wheelers:
Mrs. Burlison-moped
Mr. Omel -bicycle

Poster Person
Mr. Pitts -
Technology
designs witty
posters for just
about any
occasion



Indian Princesses
Two Teachers who hail from
India:
Mrs. Bhardwaj- Science
Ms. Kerthi-Math



Keeper of Books
She counts it, she
records it, she
deposits it.

(The \$)

Name Game
Teachers with the same first
and last names:
Ron Christian
Ronnie Christian
(they're married!)

A Couple of Winners



Teacher of the Year Mrs. Veronica Christian

Answer the following questions:

Who puts the "pep" in pep rally?

Who keeps stats at basketball games, directs 3 student plays a year, makes sure the color guard performs with precision, and keeps the Cheerleaders in check?

If you answered "Mrs. Christian," then you know some of the reasons she was elected by her peers as Teacher of the Year.

"She's willing to go out her way to take care of other people's needs".

Jasmine "Marshe" Flowers

"She's compassionate, intelligent, and always has the right thing to say."

Jennifer Bilow

"She is determined to find a way to make every student understand the material by making things fun and interesting."

-Jessy Mullins



Star Teacher

Mr. Brian Rubin

Answer the following questions:

Who meets students for a pizza party review the night before an AP exam?

Who hangs a Pirate flag outside his classroom to warn of a test?

Who has the best prevention method for shooting a BB gun near someone's face?

If you answered "Mr. Rubin," then you know some of the reasons why he was nominated as Star Teacher. by Star Student Umar Taskeen.

"Rubin says, 'I think being inquisitive, asking more than just what the question asks, always try to go a step further, that's what separates a good student from a decent student'."

"I think just about anybody can teach a class straight from the book and get their point across but Rubin's technique of teaching and his use of humor really connects him with the students better than most teachers can."

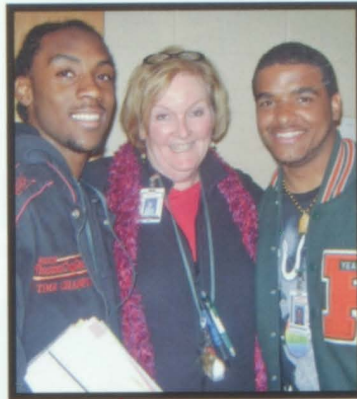
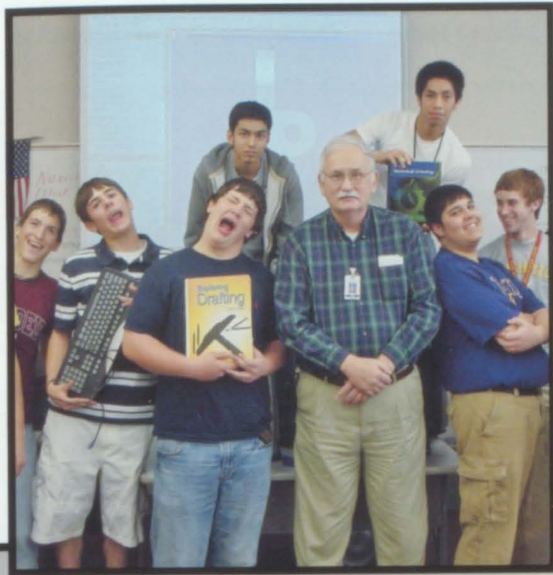
Lee Purvis

"His teaching methods are unorthodox but they work nevertheless".

-Umar Taskeen



Performing Through Adversity



Teachers face adversity just like the rest of us. Several RHS teachers bravely taught on during this school year despite health issues including cancer and stroke. Others experienced the loss of parent(s), a spouse, sibling, and even children.

We salute Mrs. Demsorean, Mrs. Capista, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Dantzler, Mr. Christian, Mrs. Wright and others for facing adversity with courage and dedication to students.



Ninth Grade Academy (NGA)



Freshmen strive to hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil as they are being inspired and transformed to be the best in all that they encounter their freshmen year.,



Katherine Adams



Quantre' Adams



Charles Allen



Krystal Almaraz



Amber Amerson



Chasen Amerson



Xavier Andrews



Emmanuel Anthony



Joshua Arnett



Jodeci Ashew



Jamie Barefoot



Gustavo Barragan



Ri Bell



Erica Billingslea



Amber Bishop



Torrico Bomer



Casey Bradshaw



Jake Bradshaw



Tiffany Bragg



Corey Brett



Lacey Bright



Logan Broadnax



Ky'Andre Brooks



Shedreka Brooks

NGA Administrator, Ms. Jones-Franklin



Adrain Brown



D'Andre' Brown



Jakari Brown



Jalesia Brown



Keyante' Brown



Mackenzie Brown



Marquez Brown



Matthias Brown



Tobias Brown



Morgan Bryan



Kelsey Burnam



Deqarrius Burney



Shandriqua Burney



Calvin Butler



Jasmine Butler



Caleb Callaway



Brian Carmichael



Rhondal Carswell



Matthew Carter



Quinton Chaney



Kenny Chapman



Peggy Chapman



Kyle Chastain



Ariel Childs



The graduating class of 2012 is the first to enter the newly formed Rutland High School's Ninth Grade Academy (NGA). The purpose of the Academy is to place students in small learning communities, where they can adjust to the challenges of high school, reduce failure, and improve student achievement. In preparation for the academy, half of the first floor of the academic hall was set apart for 9th grade faculty and students. Students stay in the area for all core classes and travel outside the hall to elective classes and of course, lunch. Ninth grade is the foundation of high school, and it must be relevant, rigorous, and built on relationships. The NGA Administrator is Ms. Jones-Franklin, and she is proud to be apart of this new tradition. When asked about her new position here at Rutland Ms. Jones-Franklin said, "My position affords me the opportunity to work with the best and brightest students in Bibb County. My primary responsibilities include implementing and supervising the Ninth Grade Academy, conducting quarterly meetings with ninth grade parents, communicating with ninth grade teachers, assisting appropriate instructional personnel in implementing Georgia Performance Standards, and administering discipline/support to the ninth grade students. According to research, ninth grade is the most difficult transition in education, and the NGA provides additional academic help to ensure success for all students. In the future, it will be interesting to see the results of this radical change at Rutland High School.

Votes are in for Freshmen Favorites

Freshmen had the chance to vote on the teachers that best fit certain categories such as : gives the most fair tests, most knowledgeable, and best sense of humor.

Their choices are recorded in the next few pages. We hope the new Freshmen Academy is successful and that the over 400 members of the **Class of 2012** enjoys this specially prepared section of the yearbook.

"Weighing In" on NGA



"I really don't like the fact that we're separated from the upper classmen. We're already coming into the school new, so it would be better to let us blend in."
Josh Arnett

"It's ok, I wanted to be mixed with the other grades but some freshmen aren't ready or mature enough to be mixed with everyone else."
Destinee Potters



It's real good, I was hoping to it to be mixed up but I like the Freshmen Academy better because It's just class for us Freshmen, it makes us feel very important.

Jessica Rainey



Courtney Childs



Mark Christmas



Adam Clance



Ormonda Clark



Ladena Cobb



Joshua Cockrell



Kalaylah Collier



Kelsea Collins



Varnetta Coney



Erika Coons



Logan Cooper



Lauren Couey



Jesse Courtney



Zach Cox



L Michon Craig



L Mickel Craig



Braydon Crosby



John Cross



Yanira Cruz



Joshua Cupp



Maddison Daniels



Brittany Davis



Zonesha Davis



Brandon Davison

Most Knowledgeable : Mrs. Cugal



Juan Delgado



Johnathan Denmark



La'Trell Devereux



Shilea Drummer



Riarus Dudley



Steven Dyer



Luke Eady



Larry Earley



Derrick Edwards



Rachael-Ann Elder



Larry Emery



Blake Evans



Natalie Farris



Crieghton Faulks



John Ferry



Kimberly Fincher



Carlisa Finney



Danielle Finney



Canisha Foreman



Johnny Fort



Sarah Foster



Tajamiian Foster



Ferrell Francis



Angela Franklin



The votes are in: Mrs. Cugal received the honor of being voted "most knowledgeable" teacher in the NGA. Having taught at RHS for two years, she is also one of our international teachers. Mrs. Cugal teaches biology, a class that many find difficult. Freshman Lester Moss, says that Mrs. Cugal is his favorite teacher "because she offers to spend extra time on a subject not everyone understands".



In Loving Memory of our Classmate



Sad dam Fraser



Raynisha Frazier



Stephen Freeman



Chad Glover



Hodges Glover



Antwaun Glynn



Angel Gomez



Joseph Gooch



Artemus Gordon



Michael Green



Lester Guillory



Jonathan Hall



Larry Harden



Samantha Harkins



Andrew Harris



Zenobia Harris



Joseph Harrison



Ciara Haugabrook



Christopher
Hawkins



Matthew Hawkins



Jeffrey Haymans



Darius Haywood



Jason Head



Tiffany Heichelbech



Immanuel
Henderson



Camilla Herndon



Carmen Herrera



D'Arius Hicks



Ronnie Hiley



Kaitlyn Hill



Kenneth Hill



Kristen Hill



Michael Hill



Michael Hodges



Jaimee Hogan



Danielle Hogges



Rebecca Holder



Davin Holland



Joshua Hooker



Taylor Hopper



Jerod Horn



Cody Horne

Alesa Beth Somers



Tori Hortman



Briana Howard



Tiffany Howard



Kaley Hudson



Jessie Hughes



Justin Hunnicutt



Tyler Hunnicutt



Aziza Jabari



Corey Jackson



Jessica Jackson



Krystal Jackson



Melvin Jackson



Emily Jarquin



Paige Jarrell



Brandon Johnson



Matesha Johnson



Megan Johnson



De'Terrius Jones



Jermel Jordan



James Kaufman



Brittany Kay



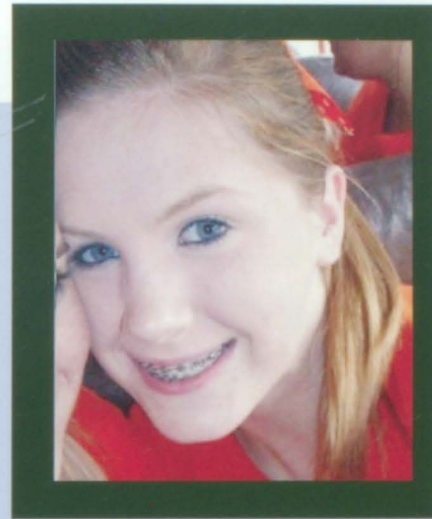
Yvetta King



Jessica Knighten



Michael Kornegay



It seems everybody knew Alesa and thought a lot of her. Her friend Samantha Viator says that "Alesa was a very outgoing girl-always happy and cheerful. She could always bring a smile to your face. Casey Bradshaw said that "Alesa was a wonderful singer and was good at dancing. She loved acting".

Many people commented that Alesa could always bring a smile to your face. She was friends with everybody, said Casey and she smiled a whole lot.

Mr. Hernandez recalled that Alesa sang first soprano in the Women's Chorus. Even though there is a strict no-gum rule in chorus, Alesa managed to sneak gum in during practice several times! He said that she was always cheerful and bubbly.

Alesa cheered for Rutland Middle School and made the senior high school squad her freshmen year at Rutland High School. She was very active in Liberty United Methodist Church, and sang in the Youth choir there.

Our memory of Homecoming Week will always remind us of Ales' great smile and her exuberance for life. It is good to have this happy reminder of her as a classmate, a student and a friend.



Alesa Beth Somers
1994-2008

"A heart that is gone is
never forgotten"

Ms. Folendore



The ninth grade voted and the ballots are in. The winner of ninth grade teacher superlative for "best explains so I can understand and remember", is **Mrs. Folendore!** Mrs. Folendore has been a teacher at Rutland high school for 4 years and has taught about 1,000 plus freshman over the course of her career. She teaches AP Biology, Intermediate Biology, Honors Biology, Gifted Biology, Gifted Chemistry, think I received this nomination because I go out of my way, like others, and help those students who want to know more.

-Ms. Folendore



Jazzy Lamar



Marcus Lamb



Bailey Landrum



Derrick Lanier



Brandi Lanthrip



Dalton Lavender



Mackenzie Lee



Katlian Liles



Matthew Linderman



Kelsey Lindsey



Asa Logue



Jayro Lucas



Emily Lynn



Robert Mancil



Matt Manders



Ryan Mangham



Shakira Manuel



Jessica Marlow



Marquez Martin



Carly Matthews



Dalton McEldowney



Chasatee McCoury



Shanice McCray



Dontarius McGee



Best at Explaining and Helping us Retain Information



Kemontay McNair



Travis McNeal



Hannah Merritt



Chad Mims



Keshanah Mims



Devin Mitchell



Gregory Mobley



Brandon Mock



Craig Moncrief



Brian Moore



Brittney Moore



Shabrika Moore



Summer Moore



Shunquita Morgan



Jessica Morris



Trevis Morris



Lester Moss



Kortney Moye



Terry Mullins



Jared Mullis



Jared Mullis



John Muniz



Garrett Murray



Ra'Kela Newbill



John Norrell



Haley Nutt



Kyle Odom



Hannah O'Neal



Chasity Osborne



Dana Padgett



Jeri-El Parker



Joshua Parks



Edward Pence



Kaley Peterman



Cayla Pittman



Brandon Pitts



Brian Pleasant



Keshona Pleasant



Brandon Plyler



Andre' Poole



Destinee Potters



Carl Pounds

Mr. Tidwell : Most Understanding/Kind

Mr. Tidwell was voted Most Kind and Understanding. Mr. Tidwell has been teaching at Rutland for all the 6 years it has been open and is one of the few teachers that is still at Rutland. He has taught more than 300 plus freshmen since he has been at Rutland and is currently teaching (th grade english classes. Mr. Tidwell was voted Most Kind and Understanding because he says, " I try to relate to my students as much as possible so that they become my friends not my enemies."



Brittany Powell



Shakirah Pringle



Hunter Pruett



Sierra Pryor



Brianna Purnell



Heartly Purvis



Jessica Rainey



Kristin Raleigh



Marcelino Ramirez



Tori Ramirez



Bryan Reeves



Conya Reeves



Tevin Reeves



Chase Register



Jeremiah Reid



Leo Renteria



Joe Reyes



Marilyn Reyes



Travon Ridley



Jacobe Roberson



Megan Roberts



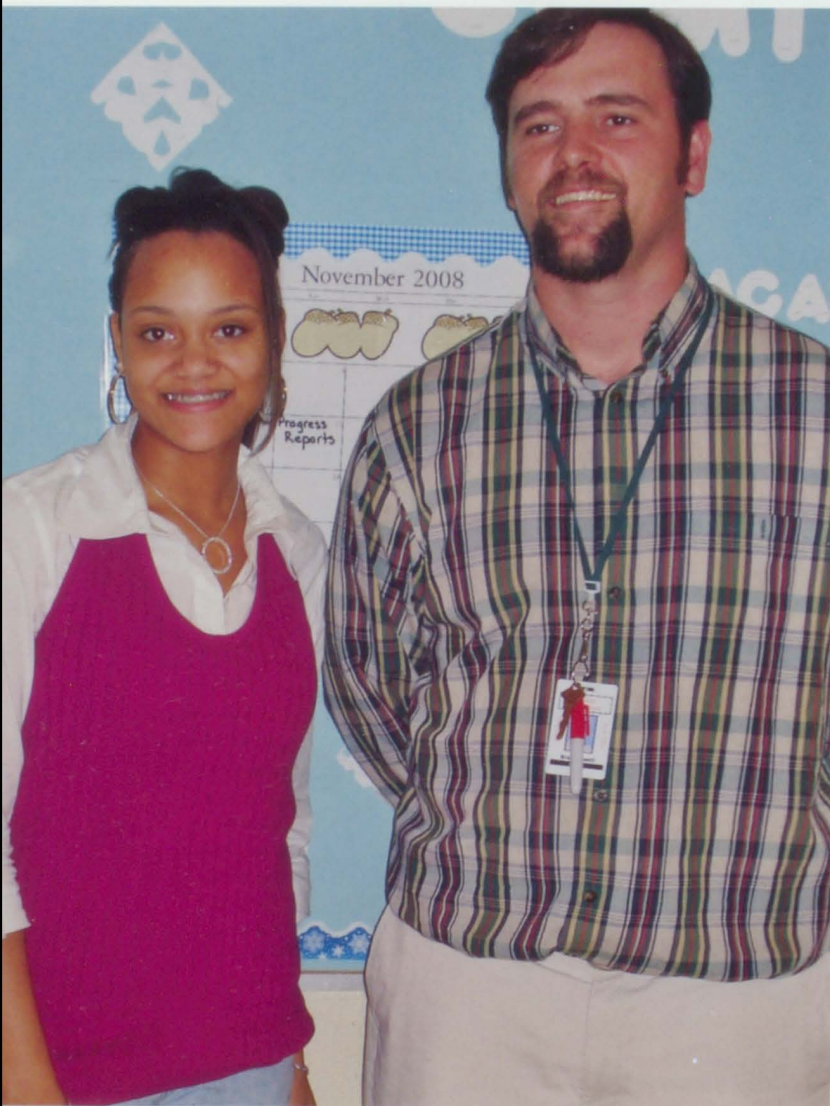
Abbey Robinson



David Robinson



Samuel Robinson



Best Personality: Mr. Tyre

Freshmen Favorites

A teacher who seems to be universally enjoyed for his quick sense of humor and caring personality, Mr. Tyre teaches in the Math department.

Willing to tutor students before and after school, he makes Math seem less scary for most ninth graders.

Regretably, Mr. Tyre had taught enough years to retire from teaching, and left Rutland on Jan. 23

His presence here won't soon be forgotten, and he will be greatly missed.



Ashlee Rogers



Ashlea Rosado



Jordan Rousey



Taylor Rousey



Paul Salazar



Brenney Scott



Danielle Scruggs



Haley Shelar



Bobby Slocumb



Amber Smith



Anthony Smith



Brittany Smith



Carnisha Smith



Lamisha Smith



Skyla Smith



Zachary Smith



Connor Snow



Kennard Solomon



Alesabeth Somers



Dillion Spires



Ahji Standifer



Stephon Stanley



Amber Statham



Demarcus Stephens



Ms. Hernandez: Most Interesting Teaching Style



Miss Kim Hernandez recieved the freshmen superlative selection for having the most interesting teaching style.

This is her first year at Rutland in the role of full-time instructor, but she spent '08 spring semester doing her student teaching under Mr. DeGrandis last year.

Ninth grade students said: She always kept our attention with interesting assignments and topics. - Jessica M. Rainey. "She never gives up on anyone, she has a good attitude. She explains everything with good examples so we can understand."

- Logan Broadnax "She uses examples we can visualize in our heads for vocabulary using students' traits to show us what words mean. That helps us remember the meanings of the new words."

-Xavier Pearson



Justin Stephens



Kenyeil Stephens



Dylan Stiles



Cody Suddeth



Nicholas Suggs



Taylor Sutton



Savannah Swanner



Lindsey Tarpley



Trenton Taylor



Tyran Thomas



Marvin Thompson



Tyler Tolbert



Avis Toole



Payton Trotter



Lauren Troutman



Antnan Tucker



Antonio Tucker



Sabrina Tucker



Sydney Tucker



Landon Turner



Linsey Turner



Ashley Underwood



Kaley Vivas



Allen Walker

Most Cane Spirit: Mrs. Christian



Sadarien Walker



Sherrell Walker



Darius Wallace



Misty Ward



Shajuan Watts



Robynne Whisby



Ashley White



Jorci Whitehead



Achante Williams



Jace Williams



Justin Williams



Kira Williams



Robert Williams



Cameron Willis



Julia Wynn



Kaicee Yates



Kayla Yester



Devon Te Young



Zyeia Ziegler



Who has CANE SPIRIT? Mrs. Christian does! She has taught English and Drama at Rutland for the last four years. She keeps stats at basketball games, and even sings the National Anthem. She is the faculty sponsor for both Color Guard and Cheerleaders. She is a makeup expert- the Color Guard and Drama students sport the most innovative and up-to-date techniques. years. Mrs. C. calculated that she has taught 800 plus freshman while here at Rutland.

Mrs. Christian was voted most Cane Spirit because she goes all out for spirit week and attends most sports events. Freshman, Zenobia Harris says, "Mrs. Christian has a lot of energy and is fun to be around."

Miserable Weather and Large Numbers Cause Early Morning Headache

Freshmen Group Photo Poses Challenges

The group photo for all 400 of our ninth graders was originally scheduled for October 3rd, but unfortunately the photographer became too ill to come. The photo was rescheduled for December 11th.

The new date dawned cold and windy. Freshmen were called to the atrium and instructed to get into smaller groups in ABC order.

Mrs. Barfield and a few of our yearbook staff along with the help of most of the ninth grade teachers, finally managed to complete the near impossible task of getting a picture of Rutland's freshman class and first group of ninth graders to be placed in the ninth grade academy. These pages will take you through the difficult task of achieving a decent group shot.



The first few freshmen emerge from the warm atrium and are shown where to stand by a member of THE EYE staff, Erika Allen.

The larger the crowd, the louder! Ms. Folendore and other faculty members instruct the students to move closer to the cameraman.

Mission Impossible accomplished! After much movement and aggravation most of the freshmen cooperate long enough to get a decent shot and return to the building.



With chapped lips and
freezing fingers and toes,
we finally retreat into the
warmth of the building
and return to class..



Last minute adjustments .
Everyone face forward,
look up!



Every morning Rutland students spend much time and effort getting our hair just right. To avoid a bad hair day we use grooming gels, sprays, and cremes to get "the look".

Little did we realize there are carcinogenic chemicals in the hair dyes and shampoos we use. What are carcinogenic chemicals you ask? Carcinogenic chemicals are considered to be any substance that causes cancer. These chemicals can lead to cancer and other serious side effects.



Andrew Casas says, "I wash my hair and sometimes straighten it".



"I get haircuts every other week", Alex Gary.

FYI

"Straighten"- to get this look you use a flat iron and slowly start from the root of your hair to the ends and release the grip.



Ashley Albritton



Joseph Almaraz



Charmecia Anderson



Launga Anderson



Aaron Apple



Justin Armstrong



Daniel Arnold



Alisha Ashley



Brooke Austin



Hector Avila



Jesulayomi Awoyeye



Jesutofunmi Awoyeye



Nicki Bailey



Eleanor Barbee



John Barfield



Robert Barthelemy



Jacquitta Beeks



Kevin Bennett



Dale Benson



Darius Bentley



Brianna Bishop



Cassandra Bishop



Justin Blizzard



Ashleigh Bordonaro



Hanna Bragg



Makeiley Brooks



Bria Brown



Jaleel Brown



Raven Brown



Marilyn Bui



Shaniqua Burney



Ashleigh Burns



Andrew Casas



Jeremy Chambers



Derrick Chappell



Artavia Chatman



Jose Chavez-Suarez



Larry Cole



Alexis Collins



Cory Combs



Gavin Franklin, brushes his hair and uses wave grease.



Kayla Mattingly & Brooke Austin wash their hair daily and straighten it from time to time.



Launga Amerson, "I wash my hair every other week and wrap it."

FYI

"Wave Grease"-For students who have low-cut hair, a method of setting/controlling the waves.

"Wrap"- To comb your hair around your head completely, cover it with a scarf, combing it out the next morning.

Hair Care Secrets Revealed

Everyone from time to time has used the **5 second rule**. You know - something drops on the floor, you pick it up, blow it off and eat it. Some Rutland students cringe and say "eeew", but most others admitted to giving in to the temptation at some time or other. In the October issue of Parade Magazine, scientists say it's usually okay unless it's a semi-solid food. like jello or ice cream



"I think it's okay if you're at home but not at school"

=.Makeiley Brooks



Eleanor Barbee said, "No, because it's nasty and you can get sick".



Stephanie Perdomo said, "Sometimes if it's hard candy".



Dustin Compton



Candace Cosnahan



Vicky Covington



Christopher Crooms



Robert Crow



Joshua Crowell



Jessica Crowley



Aryan Dahbashi



Terry Danielly



Kendra Davis



Whitney Davis



Dominikue Devero



Jezreel Diaz



Simon Dollar



Curtis Dunn



Timothy Ellington



Courtney Ellis



Anthony Epps



Mercedes Etheridge



Paris Evans



Quintavious
Everett



Earl Faircloth



Joshua Fambro



Shawnteria
Finney



Franchester
Flowers



Bianca Fountain



Tori Fountain



Gavin Franklin



Joenelle Frye



Janae Garcia



Alex Gary



David Gary



Dante Gastin



Brian Gay



Spencer Glover



Ronkeisha Glynn



Ricky Goodwin



Latroya Goslee



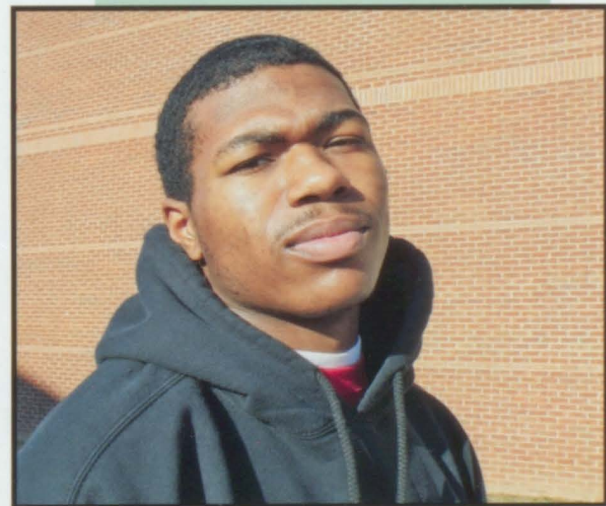
Christian
Grandison



Keirra Green



Justin Armstrong said, "Yea, if it's been there less than 5 seconds."



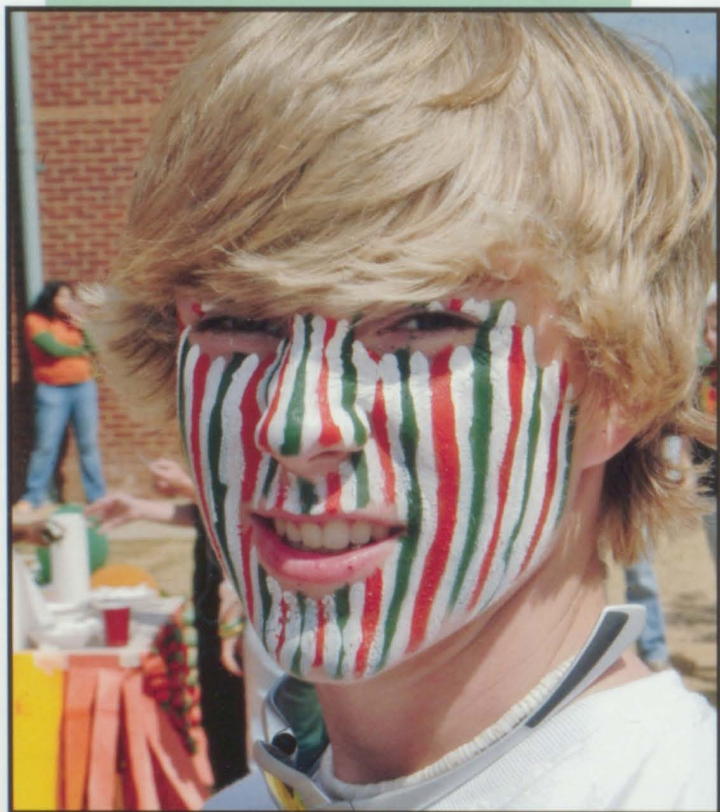
"It depends on what it is, yea if it's something good." **Darius Bentley**

5 Seconds.....Or Not?

Every year Spirit Week has become more inventive and ,well, more spirited! The week ushers in Homecoming and is a good opportunity for our students to show their **school pride**. A high percentage of Sophomores dressed for each day, brought canned goods, and attended our Fall Festival. The festival /pep rally was a first for RHS.



Katie Holt and Audrey Mason participating in Twins Day!



Briana Bishop painted John Birfields face in a totally unique design. on Friday for Spirit Day. He admitted it "kinda hurt all day" and that he "really had to scrub hard" to get it all off that evening.



Jeremy Greene



Gary Grinsted



Dorian Gunter



Ieshia Guyton



Quiosha Guyton



Brett Hall



Daniel Hall



Johnathan Harris



John Harvey



David Hawkins



Christopher Hearn



Xavier Hernandez



Miriam Herrera



Josset Hicks



Christopher Hill



Kennisha Hill



Sha'Asia Hill



Vereza Hill



Michael Hinson



Courtney Hobson



Alisha Hodges



India Hodges



Myles Hodges



Shaketa
Hodges



Shaquita
Hodges



Adrienne
Holsey



Katie Holt



Chelsea
Hortman



Jomekia
Howard



Eric Howell



James Hulett



Austin Hyatt



Katherine Isaac



Chelsie
Jackson



Gene Jackson



Gene Samson
Jackson



Tori Jackson



Jasmine
Jarquin



William Jester



Brittany
Johnson



Ricky Johnson



Caleb Jones



Cayla Jones



Malcolm Jones



Jasmine King



Natthapong
Kliangsa-Art



Bethany
Knowles



Dylan Lance



Curtis Lord



Savanah Lovin



William
Lumpkin



Edward Majors



Ariel Malcolm



Coy Mashburn



Audrey Mason

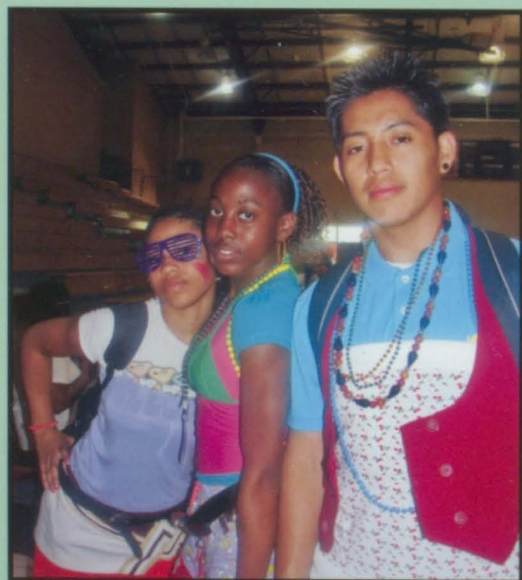
Fall Festival a Big Hit with Sophomores

Spirit week is one of the highlights of high school. Most students plan what they will wear, how they will dye their hair and paint their faces up weeks in advance.

Then the good-natured competition between classes begin as students plot to design the coolest hall decor for the competition. Lots of orange and green paint, streamers, and hot glue is applied to the ceiling, walls, lockers and even floor. Cane Spirit is contagious.



Spirited sophomore Julia Smith, cheers our Canes to victory!



Artavia Chatman and Hector Avila flaunt their style (or lack of) on Tacky Day.



Kayla Mattingly



Jesse McClure



Ashleigh
McCooley



Matthew
McDaniel



Sherika
McNear



Courtney
Meeks



Devona
Merriweather



Brittany
Middleton



Dillon Miller



Isiah Miller



Kaylyn Miller



Laura Mitchell



Tayler Monroe



Justin Moore



Patrick Morris



Marina Myers



Tyler Myers



Adham Nadi



Jimmy Nguyen



Brannen Odum



Nathan
Ogletree



Kayla Page



Charles Parish



Joshua Parker



Sanam Patel



Stephanie
Perdomo



Adonis Perkins



Corey Perkins



Cristan
Peterman



Cody Phillips



Ricky Poole



Bethany Powell



Larry Rainey



Tamecia
Rankin-Watson



Calvin
Ratterree



Elizabeth Ray



Hallie Reagan



Megan Reed



Joshua
Register



Robert
Register



Megan Reich



Hannah
Reynolds



Clarence
Richardson



David
Richardson



Kayla Rogers



Stephanie
Ross



Kaitlyn
Rountree



Keonta Rouse



Stewart Rowell



Elayna Rucks



Joshua Ruff



Chelsey
Rutherford



Rocio Salazar



Chalandra
Sallette



Santerio
Sanders

Sophomores Deliver the' Cane Spirit

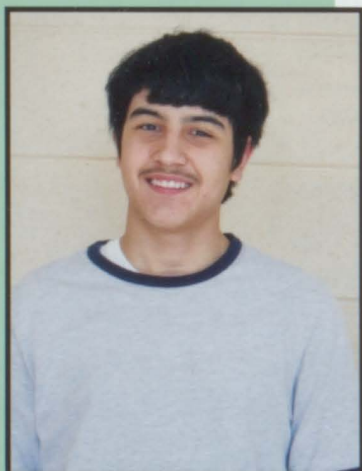
Every year we set New Year's Resolutions with the mindset of keeping them. Some people vow they'll lose weight, get a job, love more and even work harder in school. Others decide to begin an exercise program. We get amped up and are very much committed for a few weeks. As time goes on, most of us find ourselves losing the willpower to stay focused on our goals.



Benjamin Wideman says, "My resolution is to try to do the best in all my classes and get my grades up".



"No, not really, I'm working on one". Kaylyn Miller



Patrick Morris, "Most people can't keep them anyway, so I don't do them at all".



Tiffany Sanders



Jar Kenney Sanford



Patrick Scoles



Jamund Scott



Blake Shouse



Jeffrey Shumate



Brittany Skates



Winona Skates



Allen Smith



Julia Smith



Kyle Smith



Myron Smith



Tabitha Smith



Tramacia Smith



Melanie Spilman



Matthew Spradlin



Untraneka Stallings



Taylor Stanley



Leon Stapleton



Cody Still



Reese Stokes



Brandon
Strickland



Caelan
Strickland



Victoria Stroud



Ashley Stubbs



Jessica Taylor



India Thomas



Larry Thomas



Cody Toole



Macey
Trobaugh



Krystal Tucker



Calabria Turner



Briauna Veal



Justin Vivas



Ronda Walls



Shaneada
Walton



Lydia Ward



Eunice Waters



Shatallah
Watkins



Whitney
Weekley



Sherry West



Bobby Whitley



Chandler
Whitley



Benjamin
Wideman



Albert Williams



Austin Williams



Kelsey Williams



Dakota
Wisniski



Jarrett
Woolfolk



Tre'Corion
Worriels



Donia Wright



Kallie Young

Sophs Consider New Year's Resolutions

Juniors

The Georgia High School Graduation Test is a big deal to every student in the spring of their Junior year. It determines whether you walk across the stage and receive your diploma or not. It also helps determine whether or not our school makes AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). It is a lot of pressure to be put on the shoulders of the Junior class of 2010. Many students handle this pressure in different ways. Some students



become stressed out while others feel comfortable about the test.

To the left is Junior **Derrick Smith**. He believes that the Graduation Test "stresses us out." He says, "We are one of the only states that has to take one, just because Georgia can't rise to the nation's standards."

When asked about the graduation test **Mara Wynn**, on the right, said, "The Graduation Test is what we've worked for since middle school. It's our chance to prove ourselves and say that all the late night studying, long school days, and excruciatingly hard tests weren't for nothing. This is it. This is our proving ground. Our Ultimate Test."



Junior, **Casey Edge**, thinks the Graduation Test can be too much for some Juniors to handle. She says, "The GHSGT causes a lot of stress on us Juniors as we try to recall a majority of what we have learned over the past three years. I personally think that the GHSGT doesn't really measure our true level of intelligence because I do not do extremely well on standardized tests, and I'm sure not many really do."



Lindsey Addleton



Brandi Anglin



Kristyn Archer



Matthew Arnold



Brandi Ash



Mercedes Askew



Angel Avila



Leonardo Balleza



Joseph Ballum



Sydney Banks



Ryan Bartholomew



Andrew Bennett



Kiara Bethea



Randy Billingslea



Jennifer Bilow



Justine Bilow



April Bivins



Cortney Booze



John Borders



Shelby Bowen



Shannan Brooks



Blair Brown



Brandon Brown



Kenneth Brown

Class of 2010



Koryn Burgher



Virgil Burton



David Canady



Adrienne Carey



Brandon Carswell



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Seth Cason



Shavis Chambliss



Richard Cherry



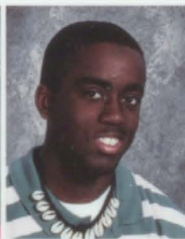
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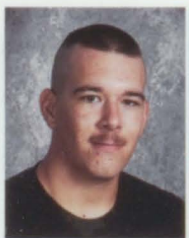
Ashley Crute



Colby Clarington



Sarah Collins



William Collins



Candace Cook



Holden Copeland



Brittany Corbin



Mary Cox



Mia Crawford



Ethan Crooms



Timothy Crow

Music means many different things to teenagers, music can be used to help us relax, release our anger, or concentrate. Whether you write, sing, or listen to music, it stimulates the mind and releases endorphins (a hormone that gives your body a sense of well being). Music is an escape for teenagers when we get stressed, angry, or bored. This is why many students believe that we should be able to listen to music while doing our class work.

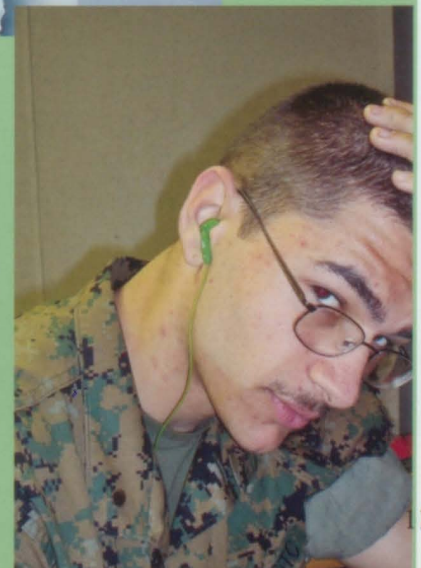
To the right is Shalandra Royal who thinks that music is "universal." It puts her at ease and helps her concentrate.



To the left is Nicole Nixon who loves to play and write her own songs.



To the right Dalton Yates is listening to music while studying because it, "Helps me concentrate on my work and tune out other noise."





Above, Brittany poses with a young Costa Rican girl. Brittany says, "My favorite part of the trip was working with the children. Seeing them happy made all of our hard work worthwhile."

Brittany Mixon has been on many mission trips throughout the world. She has been to Costa Rica and aspires to go to Africa in the near future. She has been involved in many local missions as well. When she went to Costa Rica she spent a lot of time with the children and locals. Her mission for this trip was to tell the Costa Ricans about Christ. We asked Brittany to find pictures from the trip, in doing this she said, "In order to pick these few pictures to go on this page I had to look through about four hundred. It's crazy in how in a short six months I have forgotten about the overwhelming presence of God I had found when I was in Costa Rica this past summer. Looking through all of the smiles and faces, I remembered what I miss most... just being around the kids, and simply seeing the smiles on their faces when they barely have anything at all. June of 2008, I was given the opportunity to return to Costa Rica for my second missionary trip out of the country. While I, along with the rest of our mission team, were there we met and became engaged in so many different peoples' lives. We were able to paint rooms in a poor school building, have a Vacation Bible School for the children, cut the grass with a machete like the Costa Ricans, and most importantly share Jesus with people of all ages. The presence of Jesus was revealed to me when I simply just became still and opened my eyes. I went thinking I was the missionary when it turns out... I was the mission."



Antonio Culler



Rainea Cumberbatch



Nakia Cummings



Narada Cuyler



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Brooke Davenport



Laura Davis



Reid Derzi



Sean Devenney



Katie Diehl



Emily Dodds



Robert Dougherty



Devante Dukes



Attala Earley



Casey Edge



Breyahna English



Markese Farrar



Nicholas Farris



Carlton Fickling



Alicia Fields



Taylor Findlay



Kimberly Fitch



Duran Fountain



Jaqualla Foxworth



Wyatt Franklin



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Anthony Fullmoore

A Junior On a Mission...



Elena Garza



Lisett George



Kiraha Gibson



Robert Glass



Wallace Gordon



Shameka Green



Russell Greene



Shelby Guerra



Yicureia Hale



Rebecca Haney



Clorissa Harris



Edward Hill



Javoris Hill



Dartellis Hodge



Crystal Horton



Carlotta Howard



Katie Howard



Christopher
Hudson



Alexandria Hughes



Trevor Irby



Jonathan Jackson



Leon Jackson



Marcus Jackson



Jasmine James



Shiquan Jenkins



Jonathan Johnson



Kiana Johnson



Morgan Johnson



To the left is one of the many Costa Rican children that Brittany and her mission team introduced to "Cristo" (Christ).

Above, a few of the children show Brittany their appreciation during Bible School.

Juniors



Karra Johnson-Smith



Heather Kaufman



Jarvis Keels



Amanda Kelly



Nick Kinchen



Danielle King



Caleb Lane



Amber Langley



Devon Lannigan



Joseph Ledford



Jessica Lewis



Melissa Lewis



Whitney Little



Kylie Lobdell



Stephanie Long



Timothy Lott



Cooper Lowe



Kelisi Lucas



Haleigh Lyles



Breanna Mack



Kenneth Maddox



Yesenia Magana



Mauricio Marin Benitez



David Marsh



Karla Martinez



Tyneshia Mathis



Mason McDaniel



Matthew McKinney

Breyahna English (left) says she stands for the Pledge of Allegiance because it has become a habit since we have always done it everyday since elementary school. She says, "It's rude when people do not stand. It offends me because both of my parents are in the military and I take it seriously."



To the left is Junior ROTC member Luis Ramirez. He says that he always stands and recites the Pledge of Allegiance along with his classmates because, "It's my country, and it's respectful." He believes that those who do not, "shouldn't be here if they do not respect our flag."

To Pledge or Not to Pledge?

The Pledge of Allegiance is part of our daily routine at Rutland High School. It is recited and followed by a moment of quiet reflection. But, how many students actually take the Pledge of Allegiance seriously? We have all had classes with students who either don't stand, don't recite it, or play around during the Pledge. This may offend other students who take the Pledge seriously, however, everyone has the right to choose whether or not they want to pay their respects to their nation and to their flag.

Matt McKinney (right) stands and says the Pledge of Allegiance because it is "patriotic." He says, "It makes you seem very ignorant if you do not show patriotism toward your country and its flag."



Ahnikha McMillar



Joshua Merritt



Joshua Miles



Melissa Miller



Brittany Mixon



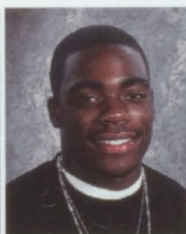
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Candace Molton



Zunan Momin



Terence Monk



Cartez Moore



Rebecca Neisler



Attilio Nesbitt



Jamie Nichols



Ciera Nixon



Jessie Norrell



John Nutt



Jennifer Odom



Tevin Oliver



Maritza Osorno



Nil Patel



Michael Payne



Arishonna Perkins



Michael Phelps



Jordan Pierce



Dion Pinkney



Shannon Pinnell



Ja'Lisa Pleas



Yandchia Pleasant

Juniors



Brandilyn Porter



Andrew Poulin



Shelby Purvis



Amber Ramirez



Luis Ramirez



Daniel Reeves



Stephanie Rhynes



Okeeffe Robinson



Stormy Robinson



Jose Rodriguez



Kaitlyn Rowe



Shalandra Royal



Devon Rutherford



Tiffany Sams



Marla Sapp



Elaina Seals



Trey Simpson



Marquez Slocumb



Carlton Smith



Cory Smith



Derrick Smith



Kayla Smith



Kyrnia Smith



Lamont Smith



Lanasha Smith



Parker Smith



Daniel Spires



Austin Spivey



Christopher St Fleur



Jordan Steinert



Gregory Stewart



Kenneth Swayne



Ben Tarpley



Laina Tarpley



Iesha Thomas



William Torrey



Brian Tucker



Darius Tucker



Bernard Walker



Samuel Wallace



Logan Walton



Travis Ward

Hard at Work...



James Weeks



Mary Welch



Joshua Werner



Lori Whitley



Taylor Wilburn



Asia Williams



Dakota Williams



Darrius Williams



Gregory Williams



Haley Williams



Lucas Williams



Patrick Williams



Dustin Wilson



Oriana Wisdom



Keffany Wynn



Mara Wynn



Tevin Wynn

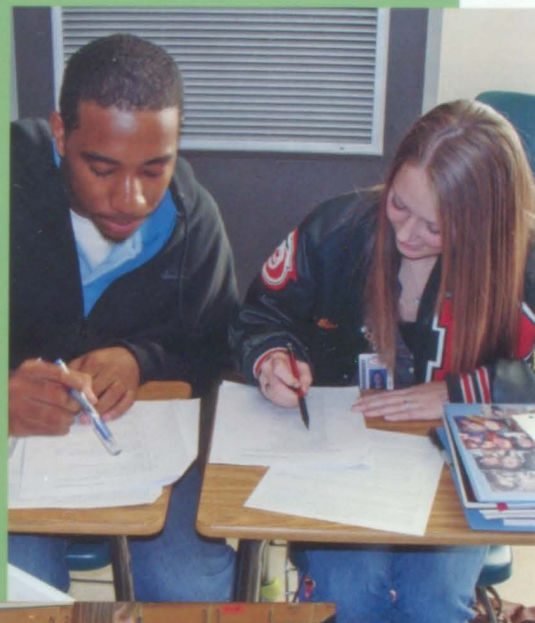


Dalton Yates



Supporia Yates

To the right, Jennifer Bilow and Derrick Smith are analyzing a passage and answering multiple choice questions in Mr. DeGrandis' AP Language class.



To the left, Tiffany Sams and Stephanie Long are hard at work on a Pablo Picasso based assignment in Mrs. Barfield's Drawing and Painting class.



To the right, Adrian Childs, April Bivins, and Shalandra Royal, enjoy the sunshine and a nice breeze while studying for an AP U.S. History test during Mrs. Sanders' class.



Honors, Awards, and Accolades

With a special feature "How DID you get that GREEN Jacket?"

R@NDOM

GREEN Jacket?



Drill Team

First Place in Basic and Exhibition.



Art Exhibit

Beth Floyd wins 1st place and a \$ 1,000 scholarship in the Kiwanis art exhibit on Feb. 21.



Cherry Blossom Princess
Brittany Green



Disney Award

Jaquilla Foxworth's essay was awarded the "Dreamer and Doer Award" by Disney World.



Jasmine King and
Lauren Ingram
Soccer
Play one season



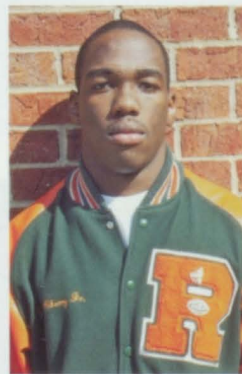
David Canady
Baseball
Must participate at
least half the season



Jasmine Flowera
Color Guard
You must be on
color guard for at
least two years



Kendra Grant
Basketball
Must play half the
season



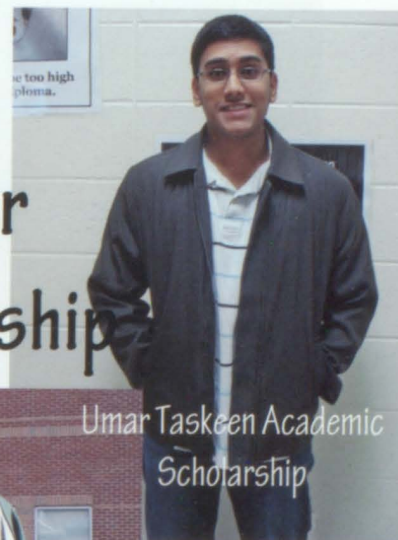
Richard Cherry
Football
Must participate in
half of the season

All State Chorus



Alec Stanley, Laura Mitchell, Michael Amerson, Matthew Blankenship, Candice Cosnihard, Shalondra Royal, James Hulett and Samatha Viator

Mercer Scholarship



Umar Taskeen Academic Scholarship



Kendra Grant
Basketball Scholarship

Softball

Region champions for 4 years in a row.



Andrew Bennett was the only high school student in Bibb county to make it -in All State. (standing with conductor, Sam R. Hazo)



All State Band

All State Chorus



James Hulett and Shalandra Royal traveled to All State for Sight Reading.



FCCLA

Participated in the Jerry Lewis Telethon for MDA.



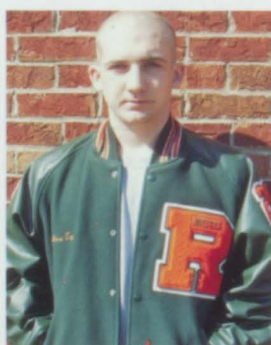
Digital Photography

2nd Place
Technology Fair
Winner



Kelsi Lucas
Softball

Perform in half of the season's games



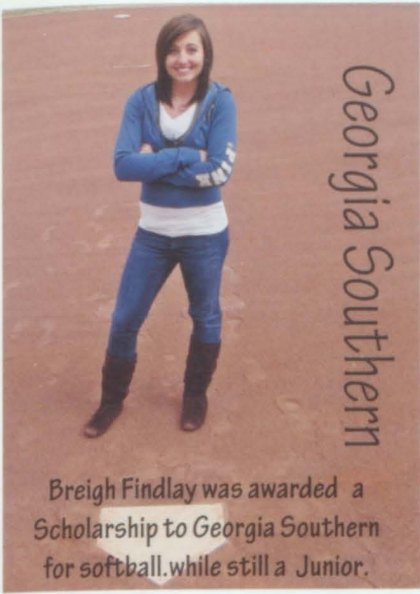
Joshua Taylor
ROTC

Must be on Varsity team and compete in one competition during the year



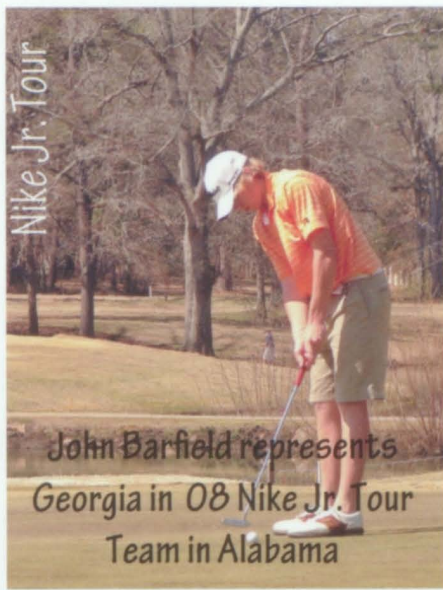
Laina Tarpley
Cheerleading

Cheer on Varsity team for 2 years



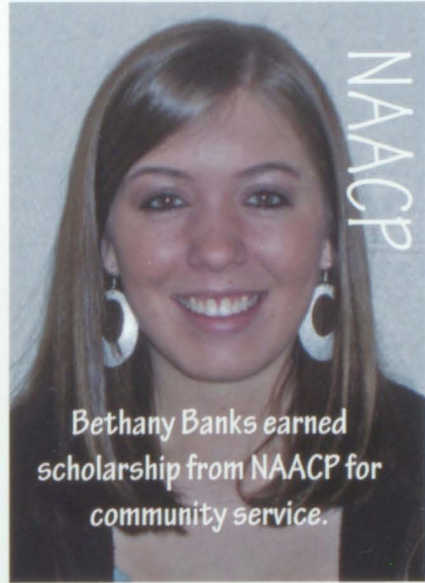
Georgia Southern

Breigh Findlay was awarded a Scholarship to Georgia Southern for softball, while still a Junior.



Nike Jr. Tour

John Barfield represents Georgia in 08 Nike Jr. Tour Team in Alabama



NAACP

Bethany Banks earned scholarship from NAACP for community service.



Honorary Music Society of
Top Band and Chorus Members

TRI- M



Sharshelia Davis, "It was a once in a lifetime experience."



Trenton Taylor, "It was a fabulous experience."



Noelle Davis, "It was a very moving, life changing experience. I thought it was a peaceful transition."

Lance Troutman, "My most memorable moment at the inauguration was when I saw Obama walk down the red carpet and into the capitol building."



Presidential Inauguration Attendees



Lady Canes make it to the FINAL 4!



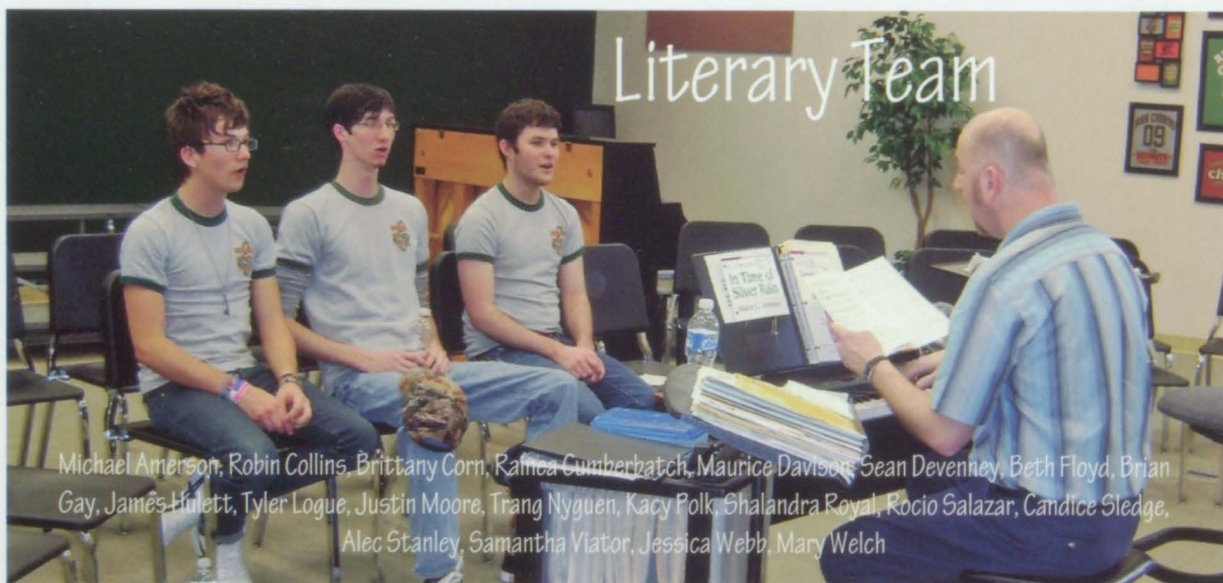
John Harvey
Wrestling
Play half of the season
and win half of the
matches

Mary Welch
Band
Must participate in
Band for 3 years



Kacy Polk
Drama
Must earn 10 pts.(1000
hours of production
service) which is
equivalent to 3 to 4
productions

John Barfield
Golf
Must participate in
half the matches of the
season.



Michael Amerson, Robin Collins, Brittany Corn, Raina Cumberbatch, Maurice Davison, Sean Devenney, Beth Floyd, Brian Gay, James Hulett, Tyler Logue, Justin Moore, Trang Nyguen, Kacy Polk, Shalandra Royal, Rocio Salazar, Candice Sledge, Alec Stanley, Samantha Viator, Jessica Webb, Mary Welch



Jaleel White was the
sectional qualifier,
region champ, also
went to state



FBLA Competition

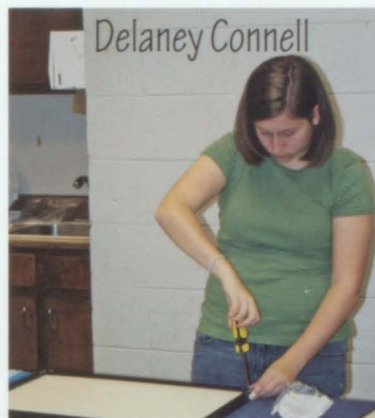


Jennifer McCrainie, Taylor Bledsoe, and Umar Taskeen attended the FBLA competition. Jennifer and Taylor won 1st place in Business Ethics and Umar won 4th place in Client services.

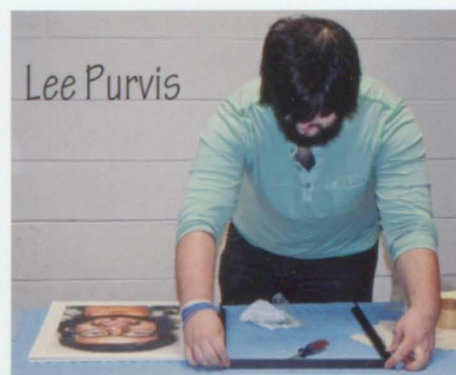


Elena Garza

Kelsi Lucas



Delaney Connell



Lee Purvis

Protege

Students selected to exhibit their art at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in the prestigious Protege Exhibit include:

Kelsi Lucas, Elena Garza, Delaney Connell, Lee Purvis, Emily Dodds, Ricky Lester, Justine Bilow, Taylor Wilburn, and Shawna Dauber

Students learned to mat and frame their own work for the competition.



Drill Team

District Honor Band



Kacey Deen, Kenneth Lawrence, Andrew Bennett, Brian Gay, James Hulett, Kandace Stephens, Mary Welch, and Louisa Buford
Not Pictured: Kyle Ledford

Seniors 2009



Matthew Adams



Latia Alexander



Erika Allen



Michael Amerson



Dustyn Archer



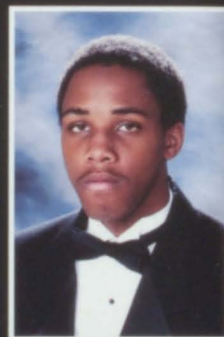
Gabrielle Balkcom



Joey Ballum



Bethani Banks



Dwayne Bawn



Marlesa Bell



Jason Bengé



Leanna Bengé



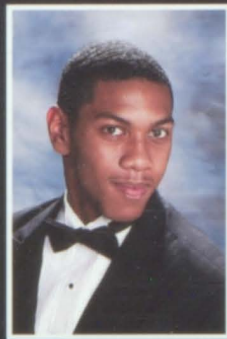
Taylor Bledsoe



Symone Bond



Alexius LOUISI
Bonner



Marc Bonneville



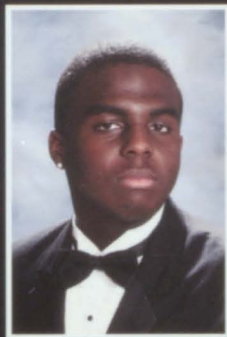
Tiffany Brown



Emily Bryan



Heather Burnett



Kylene Carswell



Adrienne Cary



Shawni Casteel



Brooke Chester



Samantha
Chubbuck



Michelle Collier



Janai Collins



Robin Collins



Taylor Collins



Brett Combs



Delaney Connell



Brittany Corn



Tiffani Couch



Geordi Couto



Heather Crammer



Kelly Grooms



Richard Crosby



Tiffany Crowell



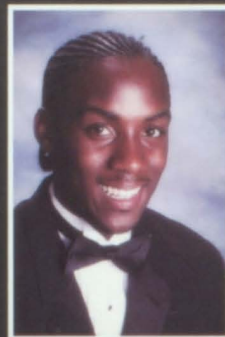
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Crumpton



Shawna Dauber



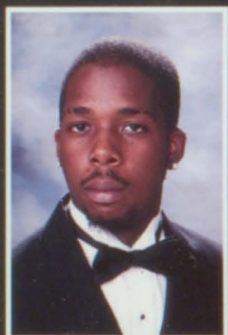
Algernon Davis



Bronco Davis



Noelle Davis



Sharonte Davis



Maurice Davison



Iesha Dawson



Kacey Deen



Morgan Delk



Aaron Doster



Michael Doster



Sheara Drummer



Tony Dupree



Jacinda Durham



Kristen Dykes



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Christopher Evans



Candice Feagin



Jasmine Flowers



Virginia Floyd



Taria Fountain



Dustin Frank



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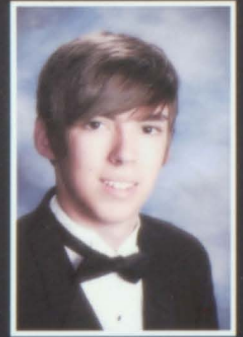
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Kendra Grant



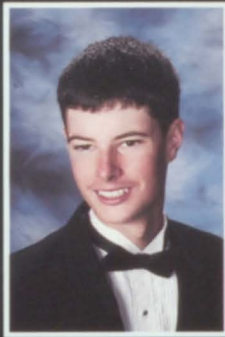
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Thomas Groves



Paul Guillory



Phillip Haney



Amber Harris



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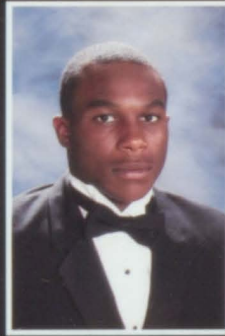
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Julius Hawkins



Courtney
Henderson



Jamel Hickey



Adrianna
Hightower



Atticus Hodges



Caitlin Horne



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Zachary Jacobs



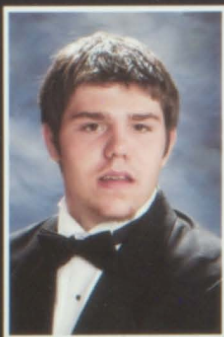
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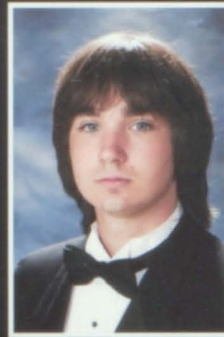
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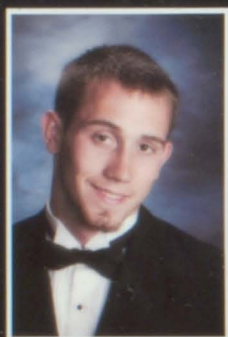
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Kenneth
Lawrence



Ricky Lester



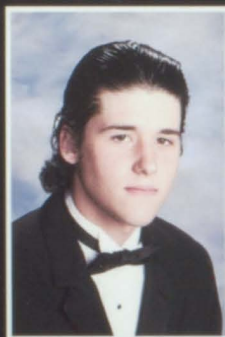
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Marcus Ligon



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Stephen Lober



Lilith Logan



Tyler Logue



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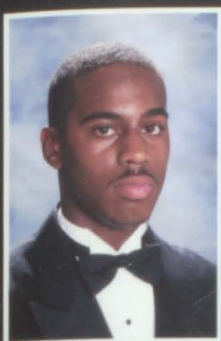
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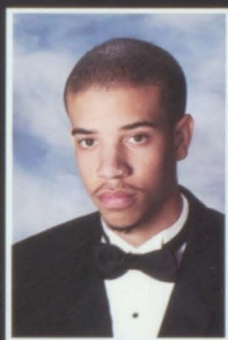
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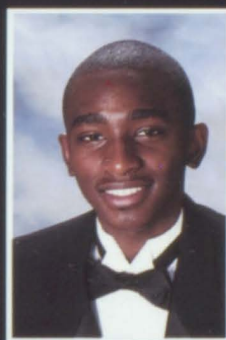
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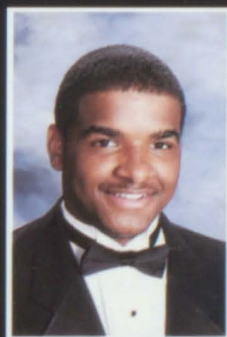
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Gary Purvis



Aldrich Raines



Jasmine Roberts



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Sydni Russell



William Rutledge



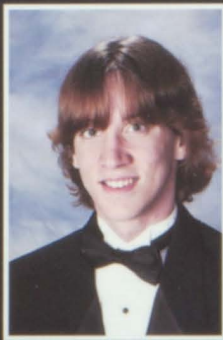
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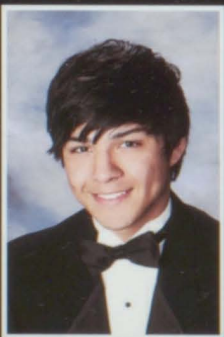
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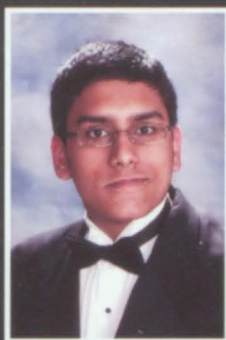
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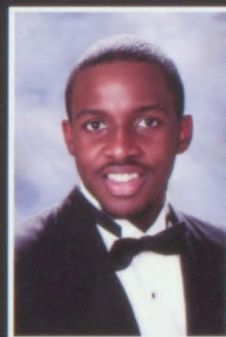
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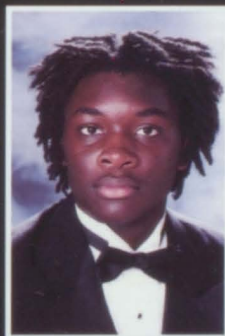
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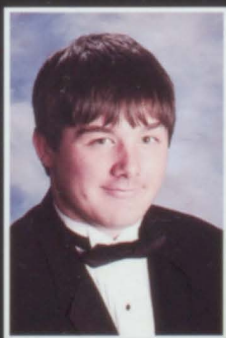
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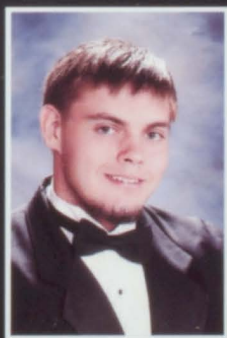
Elizabeth Wilson



Roxy Wilson



Larry Windham



Brandon Wood



Ashley Woodson



Matthew Worthy



Class of 2009!





Tyler Sullivan Valedictorian

Umar Taskeen Salutatorian



Four years of hard work, stress, and most importantly, dedication has finally proven to be worth it after all. All the late night studying and giving up weekends has paid off for Tyler Sullivan, Valedictorian and Umar Taskeen, Salutatorian.

Ever pictured yourself in cap and gown at graduation, stepping up to the microphone, and delivering an inspiring speech recorded on numerous camcorders and memories of fellow graduates? For Tyler Sullivan and Umar Taskeen this dream is a reality. They have worked towards this goal with every novel read, each homework assignment turned in on time, and every research project edited and reedited for perfection.

The valedictorian is the student with the highest rank in his or her graduating class who gives the valedictory speech. Valedictorian Tyler Sullivan says, "It feels good to know that all my hard work has finally paid off. I'm very happy to be number one in my class. It's an awesome feeling." He also says to the upcoming students who aim for this honor "Do all of your work, it's not always about being the smartest, it's the amount of effort you put into your schoolwork."

The salutatorian is the student with the second highest rank in his or her graduating class who gives the salutatory speech. Umar Taskeen says, "I'm proud of myself for reaching this title. When I first found out, I was excited but disappointed by coming so close to being Valedictorian." He advises the upcoming students to "Pay attention, do your work, and you'll be fine."

Tyler and Umar are hardworking, dedicated students who deserve the honor, recognition, and scholarships that accompany this achievement.





Selected Seniors

These twelve students were voted to be the best of the best of the senior class by faculty and staff. Criteria was: exemplary character, contributions to Rutland school community, and school pride.

This is a great honor, it is good to remember that people take notice of the students who "give it their all".

"Michael Amerson has the voice of an angel and a heart of pure gold."

-Mrs. Childers

"Kendra is a great young woman with a talent that lets her shine. She never gives up and puts heart into everything she does."

-Mrs. Hill

"Jessica has never allowed her character to be compromised. She always does the right thing."

-Mr. Hernandez

"Maurice has a smile that lights up the room."

-Mrs. Childers

"Chris is always focused and a very good leader."

-Mr. Reynolds

"Beth has a wonderful amount of talent and tenacity.

When her artwork was destroyed for the Kiwanis art exhibit, she redrew the piece in two days, and won first place.

-Mrs. Barfield



Michael Amerson



Maurice Davison



Kendra Grant



Chris Gomez



Jessica Webb



Beth Floyd



Umar Taskeen



Lance Troutman



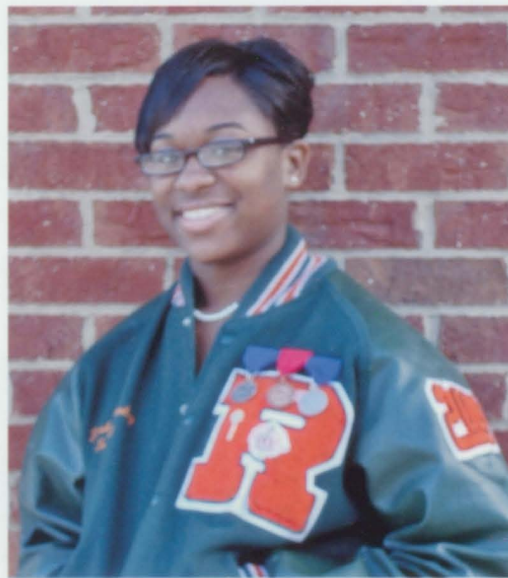
Chiquella Taylor



Tyler Logue



Kawanna Sallette



Tyundra Stanley

"Umar is a truly gifted student."

-Mr. Bates

"Chiquella Taylor is very involved in her schoolwork and clubs. She is a wonderful student."

-Mrs. S. Bennett

"Kawanna always puts others before herself."

-Mr. Barrett

"Lance is a dedicated, talented young man, in band and school."

-Mr. Matthews

"Tyler has always been polite and thoughtful. He is so smart and talented. He definitely makes Rutland a better place."

-Mrs. Graham

"Tyundra has always been a very kind and respectful young lady. She always has a smile for everyone she meets."

-Mrs. P. Bennett

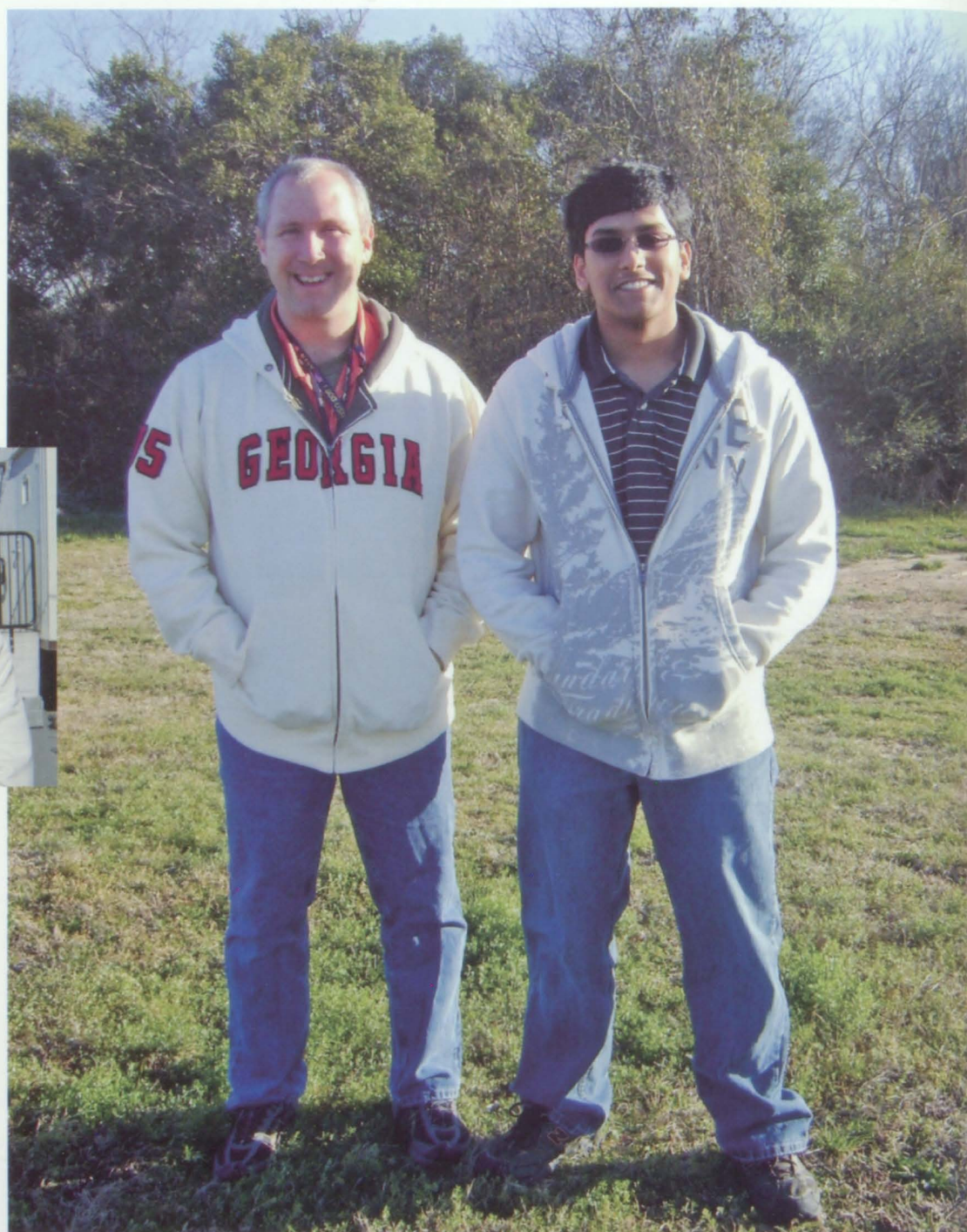


The STAR student is the achiever of the highest ranking score of all seniors on the SAT.

Umar is a unique and smart individual, and Mr. Rubin had this to say about him "Umar has a warped sense of humor. He constantly makes puns and sees information on a whole different level. His project work is very creative and outside the box. You just have to step back and look at it. His answers are right, and his delivery is unique..

" He is one of the most dedicated students I have had the pleasure to teach."

"



Star Student:
Umar Taskeen
Star Teacher: Mr. Rubin



Matthew Adams
Latia Alexander
Erika Allen
Michael Amerson
Dustyn Archer
Gabrielle Balkcom

Joey Ballum
Bethani Banks
Dwayne Bawn
Marlesa Bell
Jason Bengé
Leanna Bengé

Taylor Bledsoe
Symone Bond
Alexius Bonner
Marc Bonneville
Tiffany Brown
Emily Bryan

Heather Burnett
Kylene Carswell
Adrienne Cary
Shawni Casteel
Brooke Chester
Samantha Chubbuck

Turning 18

Turning 18 means a big step: changing from a child into an adult. Added opportunities open new doors for young Americans-the most important being the responsibility of voting.

Many Rutland students voted in this historic election.

Others used the chance to join the armed forces and even get a tattoo or two.



Here are a few seniors who took time to vote for the 2008 presidential election and choose to make a difference in our nation's future.



Antwone Grayer stated, "I am glad I finally get to vote this year and make a difference in the world".



Symone Williams said, "Voting makes me feel more involved as an American citizen".

Michelle Collier
Janai Collins
Robin Collins
Taylor Collins
Brett Combs
Delaney Connell



Brittany Corn
Tiffani Couch
Geordi Couto
Heather Crammer
Kelly Crooms
Richard Crosby



Tiffany Crowell
Nicholas Crumpton
Shawna Dauber
Algernon Davis
Bronco Davis
Noelle Davis



Sharonte Davis
Maurice Davison
Iesha Dawson
Kacey Deen
Morgan Delk
Aaron Doster



Turning 18

We spend our first 17 years looking forward to turning 18. We envision this magic number to be ultimate freedom and a huge step into adult hood.

New choices entice us. Many young adults chose body piercings and tattoos.

Most of the tattoos or piercings have significance, others don't. **Let's not lie-**

some of us do it just

because we can. A good

number of the class of 2009 at

Rutland participates in this

"eighteen ritual". Some of our

students are all for it and others carefully contemplate

the future with a permanent

skull tattoo on aging 70-something skin..

Tattoo for You?





Michael Doster
Sheara Drummer
Tony Dupree
Jacinda Durham
Kristen Dykes
Abbie Edwards



Diamonique Etheridge
Christopher Evans
Candice Feagin
Jasmine Flowers
Virginia Floyd
Taria Fountain



Dustin Frank
Chenteralyn Fuller
Cristobal Gomez
Kendra Grant
Brittany Green
Thomas Groves



Paul Guillory
Phillip Haney
Amber Harris
Melvin Harris
Bryant Harrison
Ashley Hart



Chelsea Tucker got her tattoo in honor of her father who died in 2005. (initials and stars tattoo)

Michelle Collier (pictured below) is a 17 year old senior but is planning to get her tattoo soon after her 18th birthday.

Ricky Lester (pictured on left page) says the reason for his tattoo is because, "I'm a chart toppin, all-american, rock-a-billy man and no other tattoo can compare."



Taneshia Hart
Julius Hawkins
Courtney Henderson
Jamel Hickey
Adrianna Hightower
Atticus Hodges



Caitlin Horne
Amber Hudson
Brittany Hughes
Zachary Jacobs
William Johnson
Jessica Jones



Rachael Jones
Alex King
Dustin Lanier
Cynthia Lara
Kenneth Lawrence
Ricky Lester



Andrew Lewis
Marcus Ligon
Rafael Linfernal
Stephen Lober
Lilith Logan
Tyler Logue



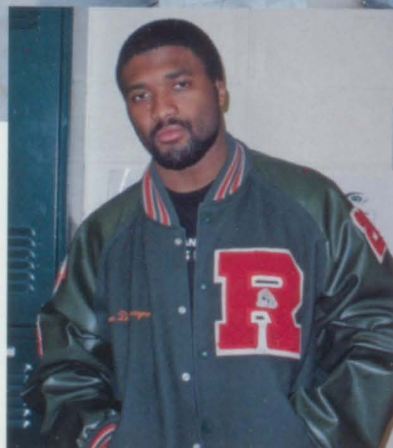
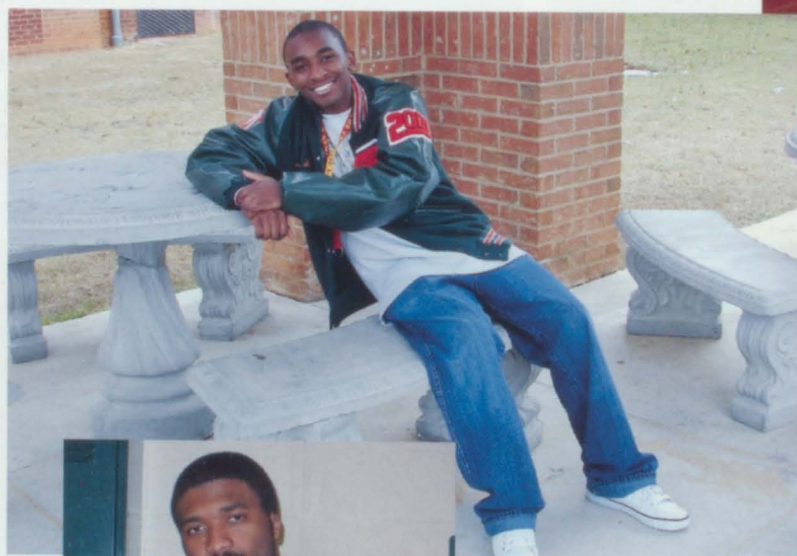
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And Going Somewhere

Many choices are available to our graduating seniors. Some are choosing to go into the military while others are taking the traditional route of going to college. Carlton Swayne has chosen to enter into the Air Force. Carlos Pitts has decided that he will attend college for four years and then join the Marine Corps.

Abbie Edwards has been accepted to multiple schools with scholarships in gymnastics. Brittany Scott is thrilled to be an upcoming freshmen at Albany State. Not everyone knows what they want to do when they grow up, and are anxious about which road to take..

One thing's for certain, they all will walk out of the doors of Rutland High school in May and head into a future of their own making.





Kiana Londy
Deshonvaris Lundy
Elizabeth Marquez
Courtney Martin
Paizley Matlock
William Matthews



Caleb Mays
Tiphane McClure
Jennifer McCranie
Brandon Middlebrooks
Stephen Milam
Nathaniel Miles



Therone Millender
Kyle Moore
Jessy Mullins
Ashleigh Mullis
Trang Nguyen
Brittany Nipper



Casey Oliver
Shanditra Parker
Matthew Payne
Marvin Phillips
Carlos Pitts
Kacy Polk



Above: Abbie Edwards and Brittany Scott
Left: College bound Tyler Logue, Umar Taskeen,
Chris Gomez, Lilith Logan, Rachel Jones, and
Tiphane McClure
Opposite page far left: Carlton Swayne
Opposite page top : Carlos Pitts

Rebecca Powell
Jocelaine Presen Dieu
Andrew Preston
Ebony Purcell
Gary Purvis
Aldrich Raines



Jasmine Roberts
Dondre Rome
Jonathon Rowe
Sydni Russell
William Rutledge
Christopher Ryjkoff



Kawanna Sallette
Ladonya Sams
Stuart Sanders
Steven Sanford
Caleb Scarborough
Steven Serfoss



Serika Skeete
Nicholas Slaton
Candice Sledge
Brittany Smith
Dallas Smith
Marcus Smith



Funny Senior Moments at RHS

In high school you have many experiences; some embarrassing and maybe even a few that make you "roll on the floor laughing". Your funniest experiences in high school will last a lifetime while the most embarrassing fade away. You start from tripping up the stairs and end up laughing about it on the way down. When high school first starts, everything you do is embarrassing. Then you learn that it's not about worrying if you will make a fool of yourself but what you can do to make it into a good time.

High school doesn't last forever so just forget about how embarrassing it can be and make it worth living! A few of the seniors here at Rutland live for making high school the greatest time of their lives. Everything they do is a "roll on the floor laughing" experience. Your junior and senior year is when you realize that it won't be long until you're thrown out into the real world where being serious is required. So laugh it up and enjoy it while you can.



"During spirit week they were playing music in the lunchroom. One day I started dancing on the lunch table, having a good time, and this boy got on the table and started dancing too and he went to jump off the table and it split half!

It was so funny!"

-Kendra Grant (KG)



Terrell Smith
Yashica Smith
Austin Spires
Treadarius Spivey
Joseph Stainbrook
Tyundra Stanley



Kandace Stephens
Samuel Stokes
Anna Suber
Nathaniel Suddeth
Tyler Sullivan
Seth Sutton



Carlton Swayne
Umar Taskeen
Chiquella Taylor
Victoria Taylor
Timothy Theus
Cornell Thomas



Lance Troutman
Brittany Tucker
Chelsea Tucker
Toni Vaughn
Samantha Viator
Stanley Walker



"I was walking down the hallway and went to open the door and when I did I accidentally hit Mr. Morris. He looked so serious and I was scared but then he just started laughing."

-Cornell Thomas



On the way back from a wrestling match a couple years ago, a group of wrestlers on the bus decided to show their best side to the car behind them... the person driving the car turned out to be the assistant principal Dr. Malone!"

-Sam Stokes



"Everyone was on their way to 3rd block, and I was out by the trailers and these 2 guys were throwing a tennis ball across the breezeway and it hit this poor girl in the head. Everyone was cracking up! I was still laughing 5 minutes into class. Thankfully the girl was ok...we think!"

-Delaney Connell



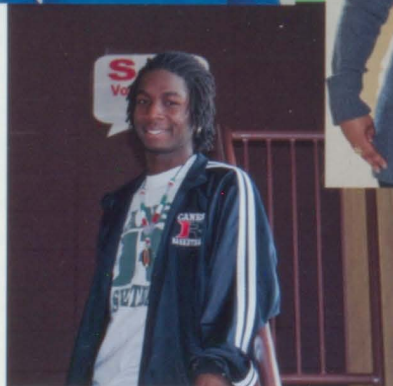
One day in class, Mr. Rubin took up Jamel Hickey's phone and he put it in his pocket, so i started texting and calling it. Every time it went off Mr. Rubin would pull it out of his pocket and just look at it. I did it so many times. It was funny."

-Jeremy Chatfield

Brandon Watson
 Jakuria Watts
 Jessica Webb
 Ormaine White
 Deanna Williams
 Elizabeth Wilson



Roxy Wilson
 Larry Windham
 Brandon Wood
 Ashley Woodson
 Matthew Worthy



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Spirited



Thomas Groves and Brittany Tucker

Most Athletic



Bronco Davis and Tae Smith

Most
Academic



Tyler Sullivan
and
Roxy Wilson

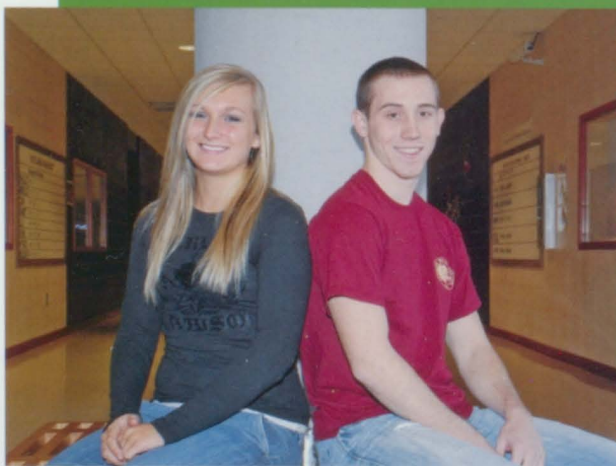
Most Likely to Succeed
Umar Taskeem and Kacy Polk



Most Talented
Lee Purvis and Erica Allen



Best
Smile
Maurice
Davidson
and
Leanna
Benge



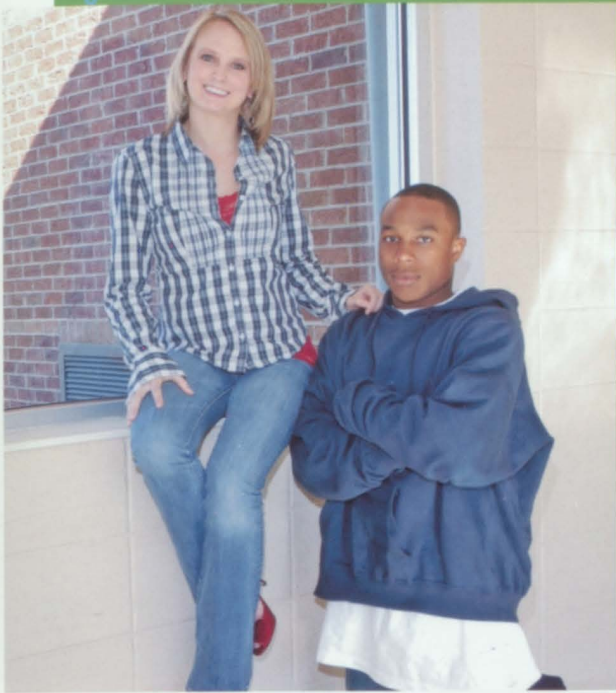
Best All Around
Drew Lewis and Casey Oliver



Best Dressed
Chris Hodges and Logan Nipper

Biggest Flirt

Jamel Hickey and Abbie Edwards



Class Clown

Preston Sanford and Kendra Grant



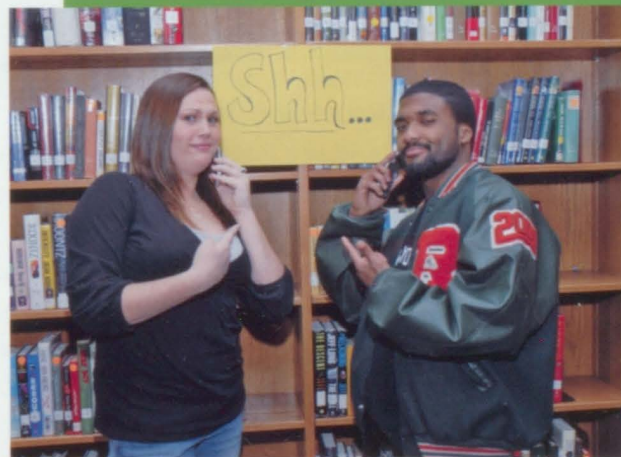
Best Personality

Richard
(Bubba)
Crosby
and
Jennifer
McCranie



Most Attractive

Sam Stokes and Taylor Bledsoe



Most Talkative

Carlton Swayne and Marlesa Bell



Alex Johnson



The secret to happiness and well-being is no mystery. All it takes is the ability to do the following:

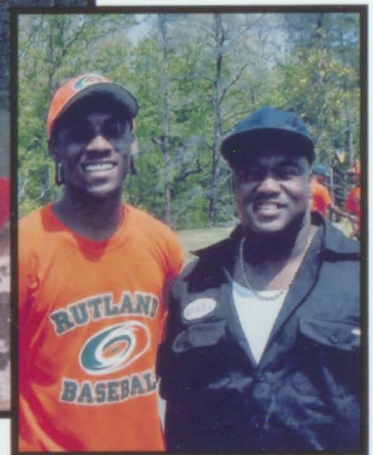
- Forget.
- Apologize.
- Admit errors.
- Avoid mistakes.
- Listen to advice.
- Keep your temper.
- Shoulder the blame.
- Make the best of things.
- Maintain high standards.
- Think first and act accordingly.
- Put the needs of others before your own.
- Forgive.



Love,
Mom & Dad

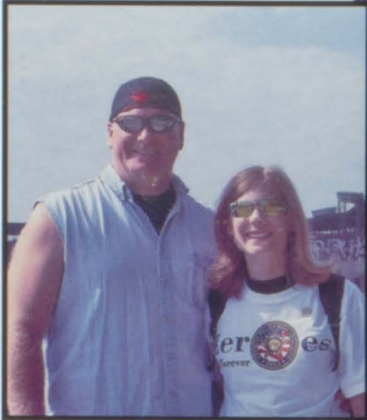
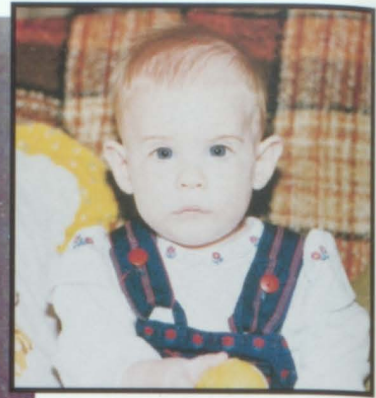
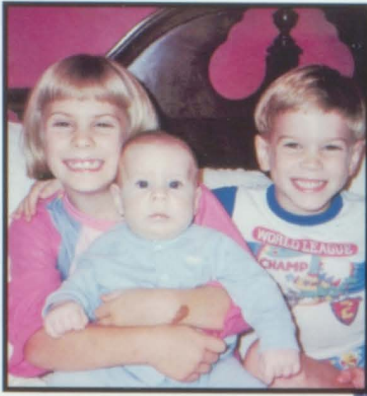


Bronco Davis II



A Job Well Done
Bronco we love you
and
We are you proud of you
We believe that you will go far in life,
Congratulations!
Love Mom and Dad.

Kelly Crooms



Kelly,

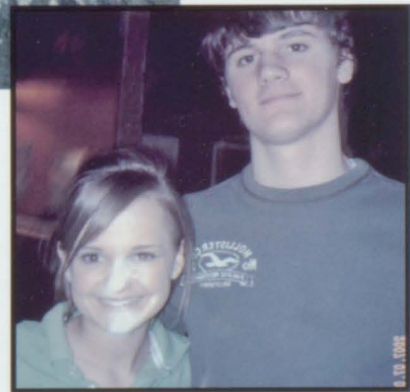
Time has gone by so fast. It is hard to believe that you are graduating high school. Just yesterday, you started pre-k. Now, you will begin a new journey in your life. But, we are sure that whatever you choose to do, you will succeed. We hope that you will remember your school years with a smile on your face. I know we will. We wish you nothing but peace and happiness. We love you with all our hearts.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." --Psalm 23

Love,

Mom, Dad, Chris, Brandon, Sarah, Grandmother, Granddaddy, Granny, and Grandpa

Jennifer McCranie



To Our Princess - Bug, Thithy and Auntie "J",

Oh how time flies...and you have grown into such a beautiful young lady. From playing in the mud...to whooping up on the little boys...taking your clothes off as a 4 year old and running through the yard...to taking our breath away in a pageant or on the sidelines as a cheerleader. We stand so proud to be your family...cheering you on!
Always remember..."You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you."
And continue to put Christ first in your life as you have...

We love you infinity and beyond...
Momma - Daddy - Rita - Bobby - Sophia Kay

Brittany Smith

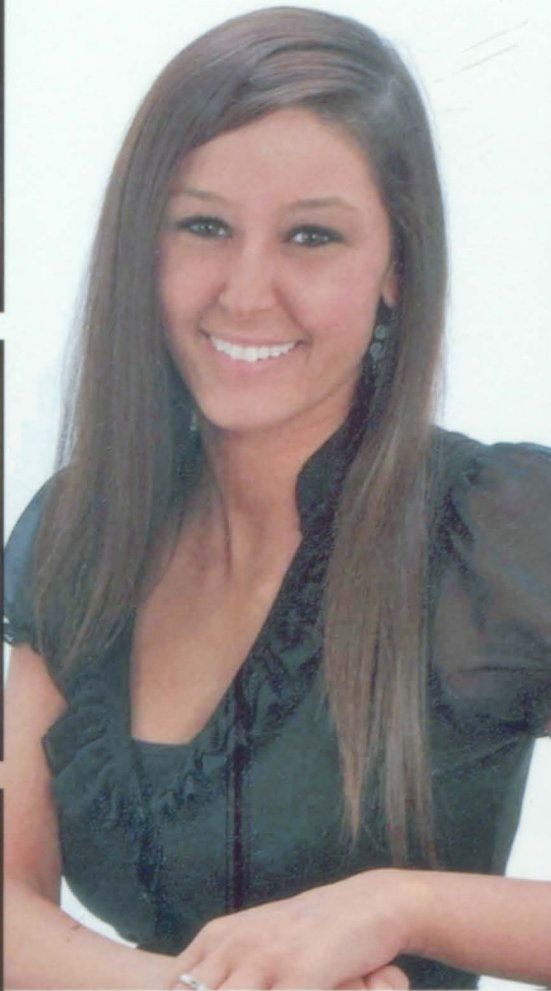


Brit Brat you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. If you can't do it alone, I will be there to help you. Please don't ever doubt the love we feel for you. Life can get rocky at times, you know this. God will always move mountains for you if you have faith, baby. So, write it on your heart. Make your mark in the world, be strong and always keep your head up along life's journey. Remember the loved ones you've lost and make room for the new loves you'll encounter. Be proud of who you are and don't ever let anyone steal your joy. You are an amazing person, and we love you! Always, Daddy Jeff, Mom, Maw-Maw, Brent, Ashley & C.J.

Brit, I love you and am proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. Stay strong and life will bless you with many good things. Be good to your Mom! My heart is there with you love. I love you! Bubba



Taylor Brooke Collins



Congratulations Brooke! We are so very proud of you. We wish you all of the success, joy, and luck in your future. May all your dreams come true. We love you!

Love,

Granddaddy and Grandma Davis, Uncle Ron, Aunt Wanda, Chad and RJ

We have watched you grow up and it has gone by to fast. We are all proud of you and the wonderful person you have turned out to be. We wish you good luck and hope you continue to be the best at everything you do. Congratulations! We love you very much!

Mama, Ansley, Grandma, Aunt Elizabeth and Austin

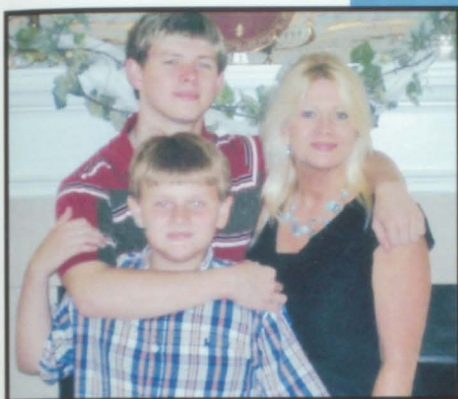
Marlesa Bell



It took a lot of work,
Time, and persistence, too,
To achieve the important goal
That you set out to do.
That effort now pays off,
The world now offers more.
To you, new graduate,
It opens a special door.
Congradulations Marlesa,
You did it all; you made it through.
You took your first step toward success,
And we're so proud of you!

Mom, Dad and Marcus

Tyler Logue



WOW! Where did the years go? We blinked and you were grown!
We are so proud of the young man you've become. Always know,
God has a plan and a purpose for your life. This is just the
beginning - it is time for us to stand back and watch you soar.
We know you can do it! Tyler, always remember:

*You are loved, *Stay in the word, *Make good choices (LOL)

I can do everything through Christ, whoe gives me strength.
Philipians 4:13

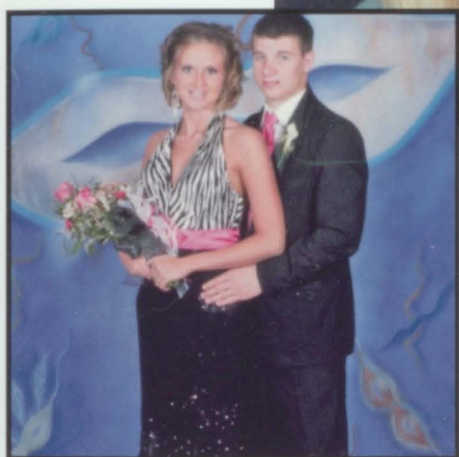
We love you,

Dad, Mom and Hunter

Kyle Milam



Brooke Mullis



Through the years it has meant so much to watch you grow, to change and learn to become your own person. You are so very special. It always makes us proud to say "you are ours". May God bless you as you take another big step in your life, and in his hands you safely abide.

All of our love,
Family and Max

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Jeremiah 29:11

Samantha Viator

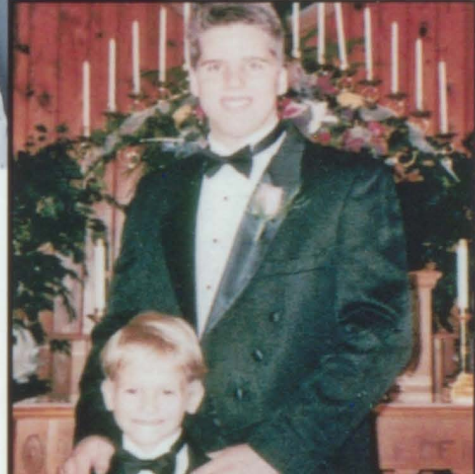


Samantha (SAM),
You are an awesome daughter and sister.
We are so proud of you.
You Rock!!!
Love,

Mom, Dad, and Jacob



Kacey Deen



Congratulations Kacey!

We are so proud of you.
May God always bless you as you follow your
dreams. WE love you. "And we know that all things
work together for the good to those who love God,
to those who are the called according to his
purpose." Romans 8:28

Love,
Mom and Dad



Brooke Chester



It seems just like yesterday that you were starting school and now here we are . . . your Senior year. Our wish for you is that all your hopes and dreams come true. We love you and are so very proud of you.

Love,

Dad, Mom, and Josh



Nicholas Ryan Slaton



Ryan,

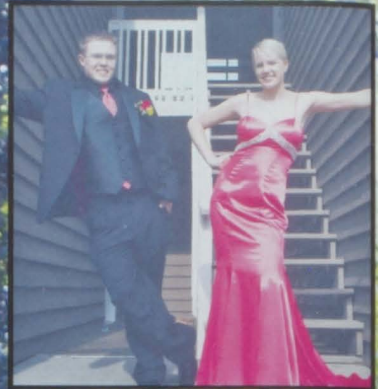
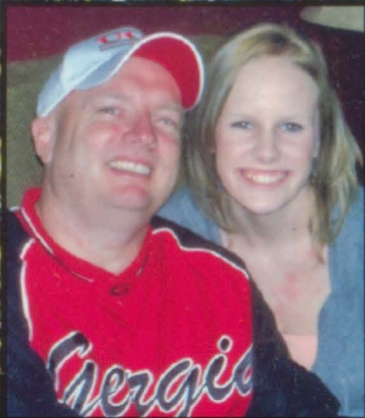
Where have the years gone? You've become a young man with your future wide open before you. We hope it's all you could wish for and more. We love you very much and are so proud of you.

Dad, Mom, Michelle, Aunt Trish, Papa, Scott, Joni, Stephanie, Michael, Haven, Kaylyn, Jackson and Tucker. In loving memory, Granny and Grandma.

"Git R Done!"



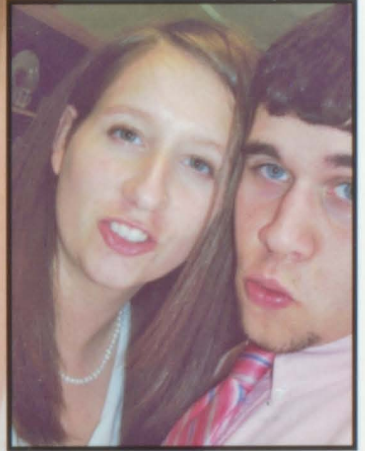
Tiffany Brown



Tiffany,
I am very proud of you
making it through high
school. We have made it
this far and I hope the rest
of our lives can be this great!

Doug

Delaney Connell



A queen came softly forward,
a kindly little smile on her face.
She is a comely little lady with
a pair of kind, clear and intelligent
green eyes; has a fine, soft, low
voice; soft indeed her whole manner
is and melodiously perfect; it is
impossible to imagine a poiler
more beautiful woman.

Delaney~Enjoy~your~sojourn~
on~earth~going~forth~with~the~
power~and~knowledge~that~
you~are~a~child~of~God~
born~to~an~eternal~heritage~
of~royalty. Love, Mom x d
2009

Brittany Corn



Congratulations Brittany!!

The world is your oyster! Work hard, and accomplish your goals. Put God first and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:6. God blessed me with the most amazing 18 years journey into your life.

I praise him for that. You are an awesome, responsible young woman!

I Love You,
Mom

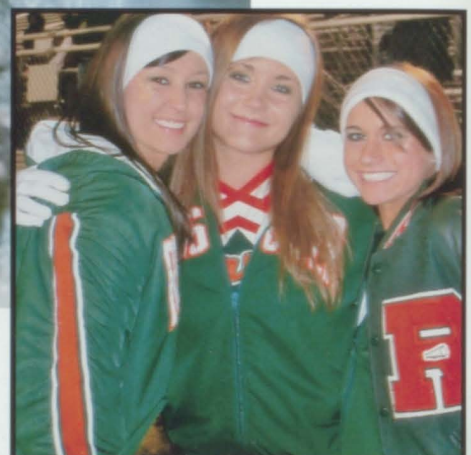
Seth Thomas Sutton



I guess you thought this time would never get here. But it did and here we are. Enjoy every minute! Listen to God, be true to yourself and everything will work out fine.

We Love You!
Mama and Daddy

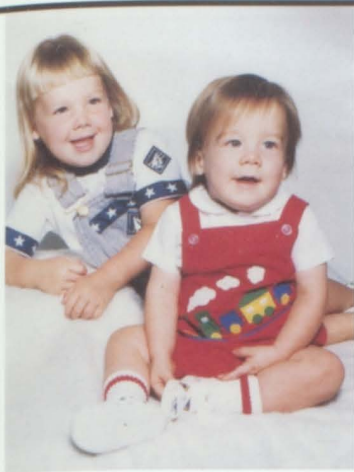
Brittany Logan Nipper



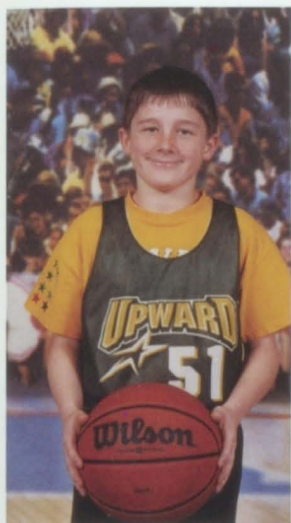
Logan,
We are all so proud of what you have accomplished and the person you have become. We know you will continue to succeed in life and will always follow your heart. You have so much more to look forward to and you have so much to offer to the world. We love you and hope you continue to pursue your dreams...

Love,
Mamma and Deddy; Dusty, Lacy, and Jennifer





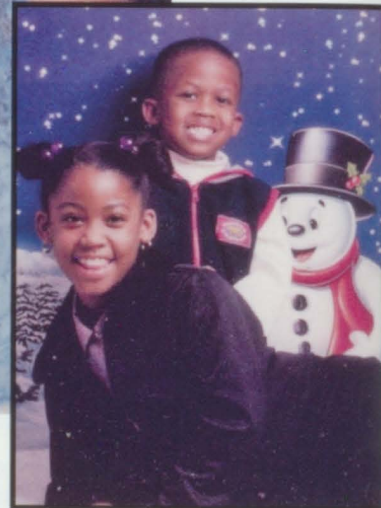
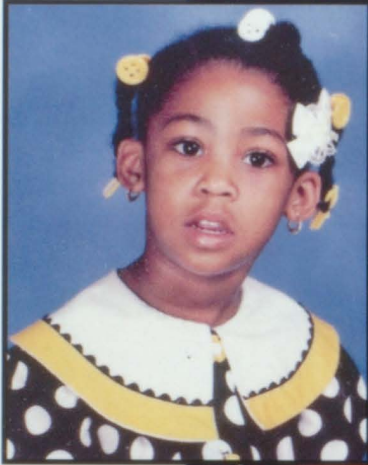
**CONGRATULATIONS
KYLE WINDHAM
CLASS OF 2009!**



LOVE, MOM

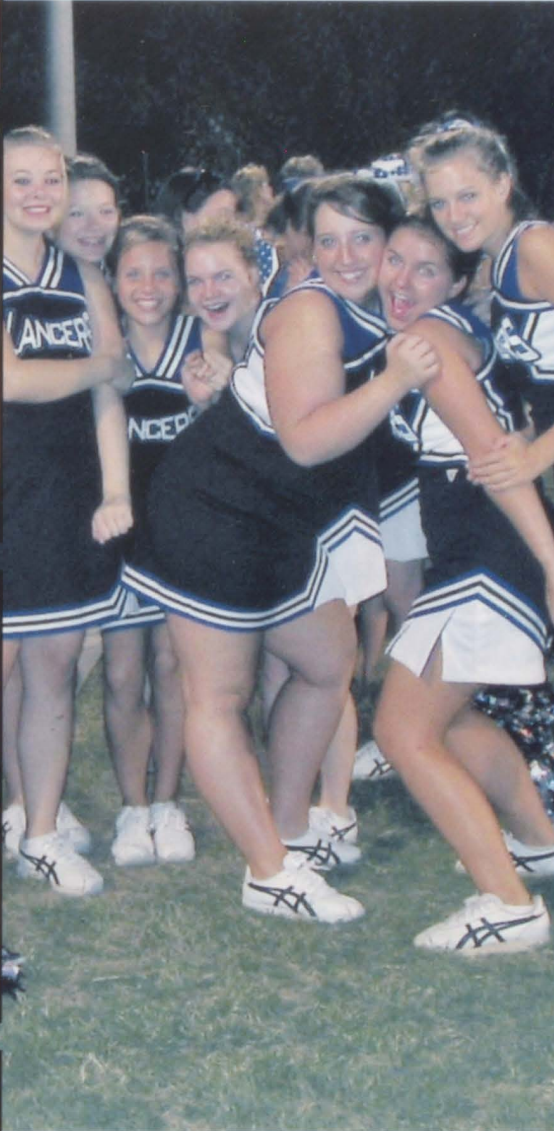
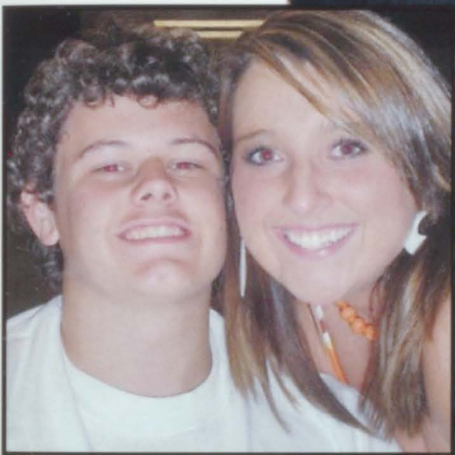


Erika Allen

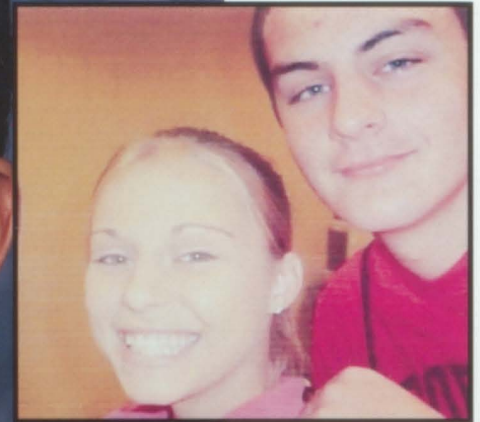
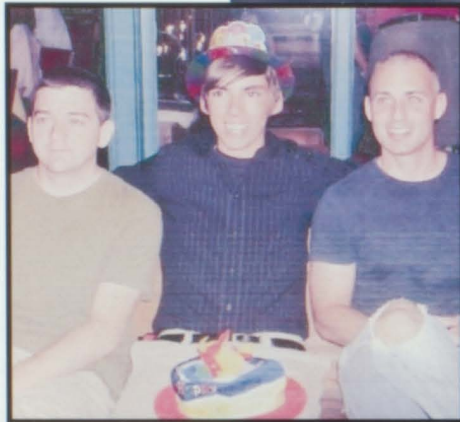


We are so proud of you
Keep reaching for the stars
As my daughter, I have watched you grow into a beautiful young woman
As a sister, continue to be a good friend and champion
You bring so many blessings to our lives
You are in our hearts forever
You are loved,
Momma and William

Brittany Green

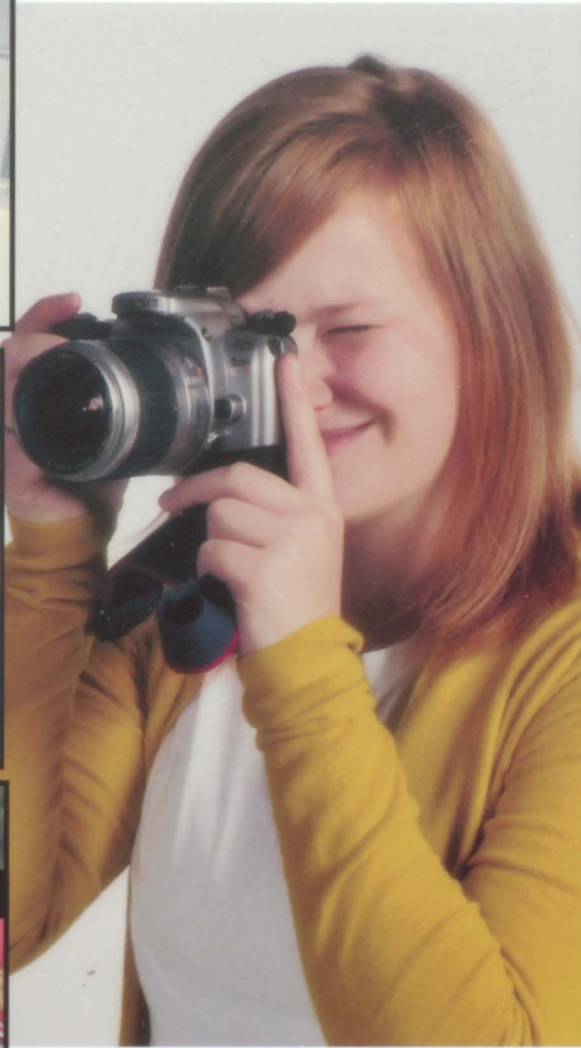


Thomas Groves



"Humor is the great thing, The saving thing. The minute it crops up, all our irritation and resentments slip away, and the sunny spirit takes their place."
-Mark Twain

Samantha Chubbuck



I can't believe how fast time went by. You were just a little girl and now you will be leaving and on your way to becoming the person you want to be. You brought joy to my life and I am very proud of the person you are becoming. I want you to know I love you and I will always be there for you.

Love Always,
Mom

Preston Sanford



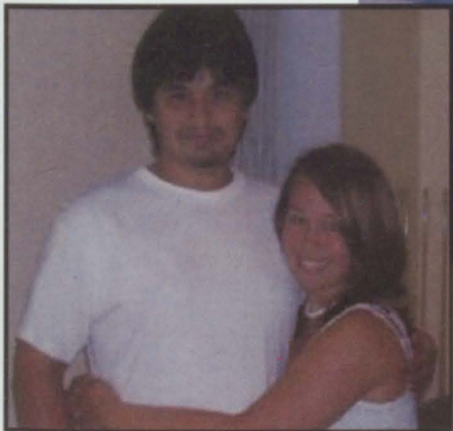
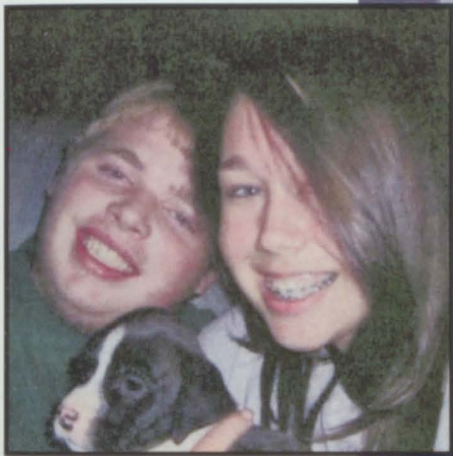
Preston,

You are about to achieve another in a long line of goals - graduating from high school, but don't stop now.

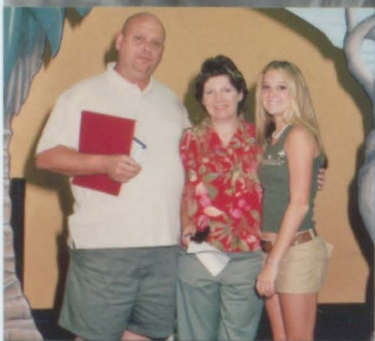
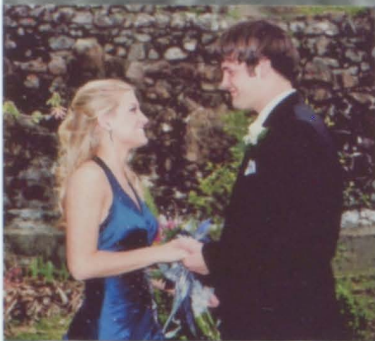
Keep on setting goals and achieving your goals. We love you and are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Ashley

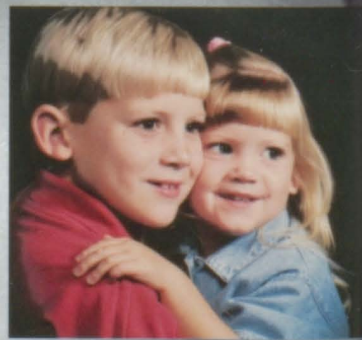
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Brittany Tucker



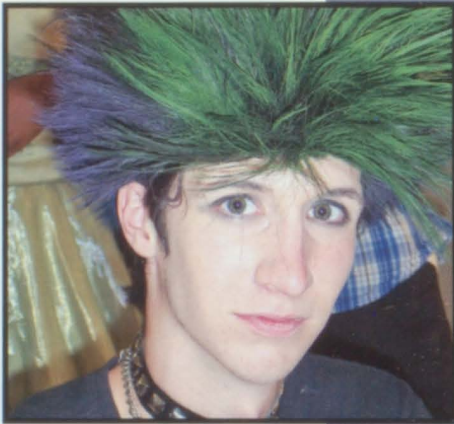
Our daughter is a very special person. She is one that loves life and lives it to the max. She is a daughter that has put a light in our hearts. Brittany has been through a lot in her 18 years of life and has never lost the gleam or desire. She has a wonderful outlook on life and a desire to help all others. Brittany, Mom, Dad, and Bubba love you very much and are very proud of the direction you are headed. Thank you for being you and God Bless!



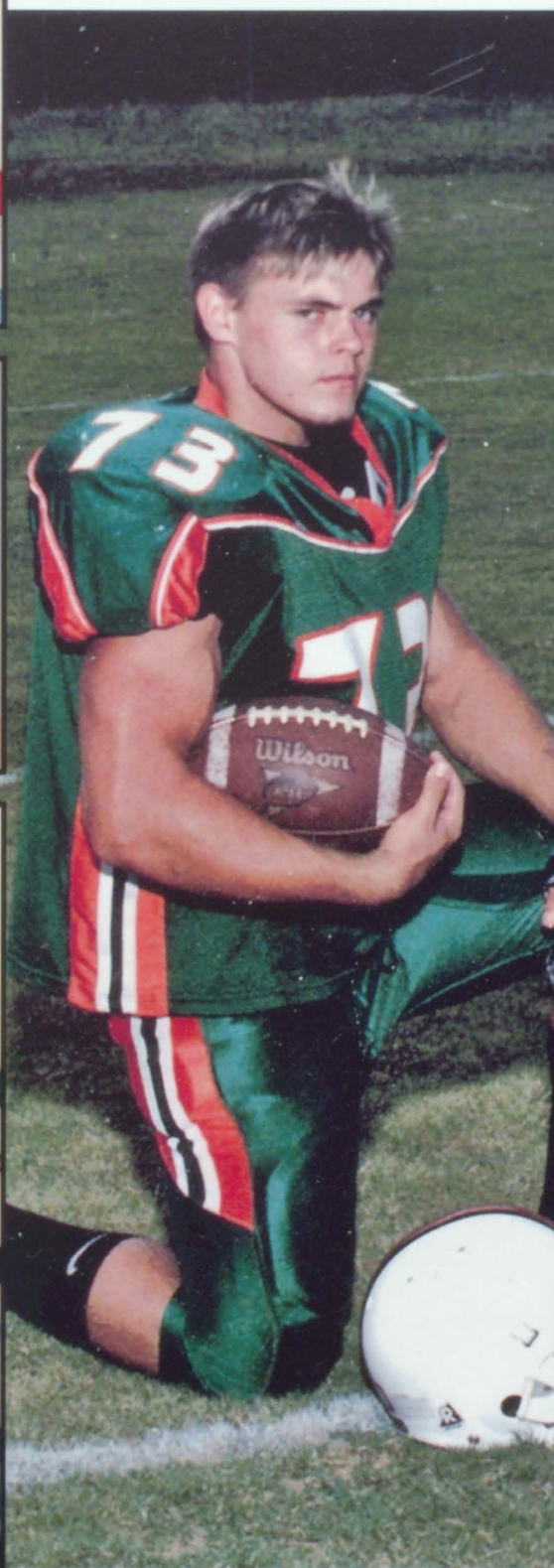
Tiphannie McClure



Michael Amerson



Brandon Wood



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Spy all 10 Green Things & Consider Yourself a Great Green Sleuth!



1. green eraser

(show your school spirit while taking a test!)

2. green tea bags

(contain antioxidants that repair damage to your body's cells)

3. rechargeable batteries

(keeps the dangerous acid out of the landfill)

4. Pride of the Hurricanes cord

(worn by band officers)

5. halogen light bulb

(uses less energy and lasts way longer than the traditional bulbs)

6. twenty dollar bill

(sometimes known as a greenback)

7. J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece The Hobbit

(has little dudes that live in hillside houses with round green doors)

8. Wicked Ticket

(Broadway musical with a very green character)

9. green bead necklace

(Shiny item worn during Spirit Week by hundreds of loyal Hurricanes)

10. green buttons

(yard sale finds to be repurposed into jewelry)



Lilith Logan

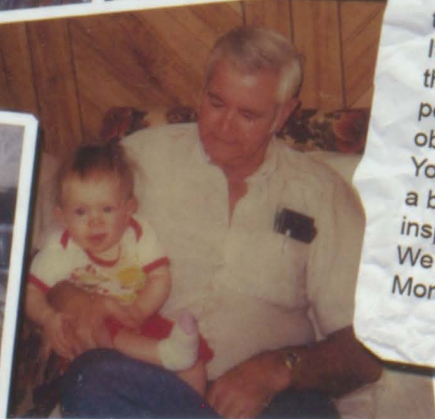


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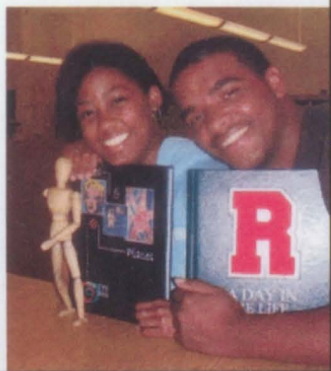
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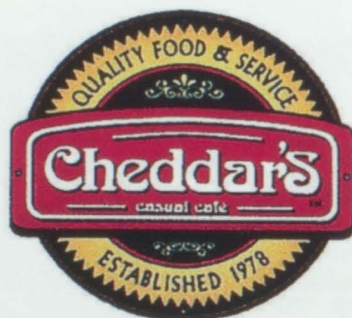
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-Kelsi Lucas

"Plant a garden."

-Justine Bilow

"I'm going to be better about unplugging things after I'm done using them."

-Marla Sapp

"Stop deforestation which destroys habitats"

-Jessy Mullins

"Taking less time in the shower and do puppet shows instead of watching T.V."

-Laura Davis

"Buy energy efficient products."

-Casey Edge

Recycle drink cans."

-Sam Viator

"Turn off the water while I brush my teeth."

-Geordi Couto

"Plant a tree."

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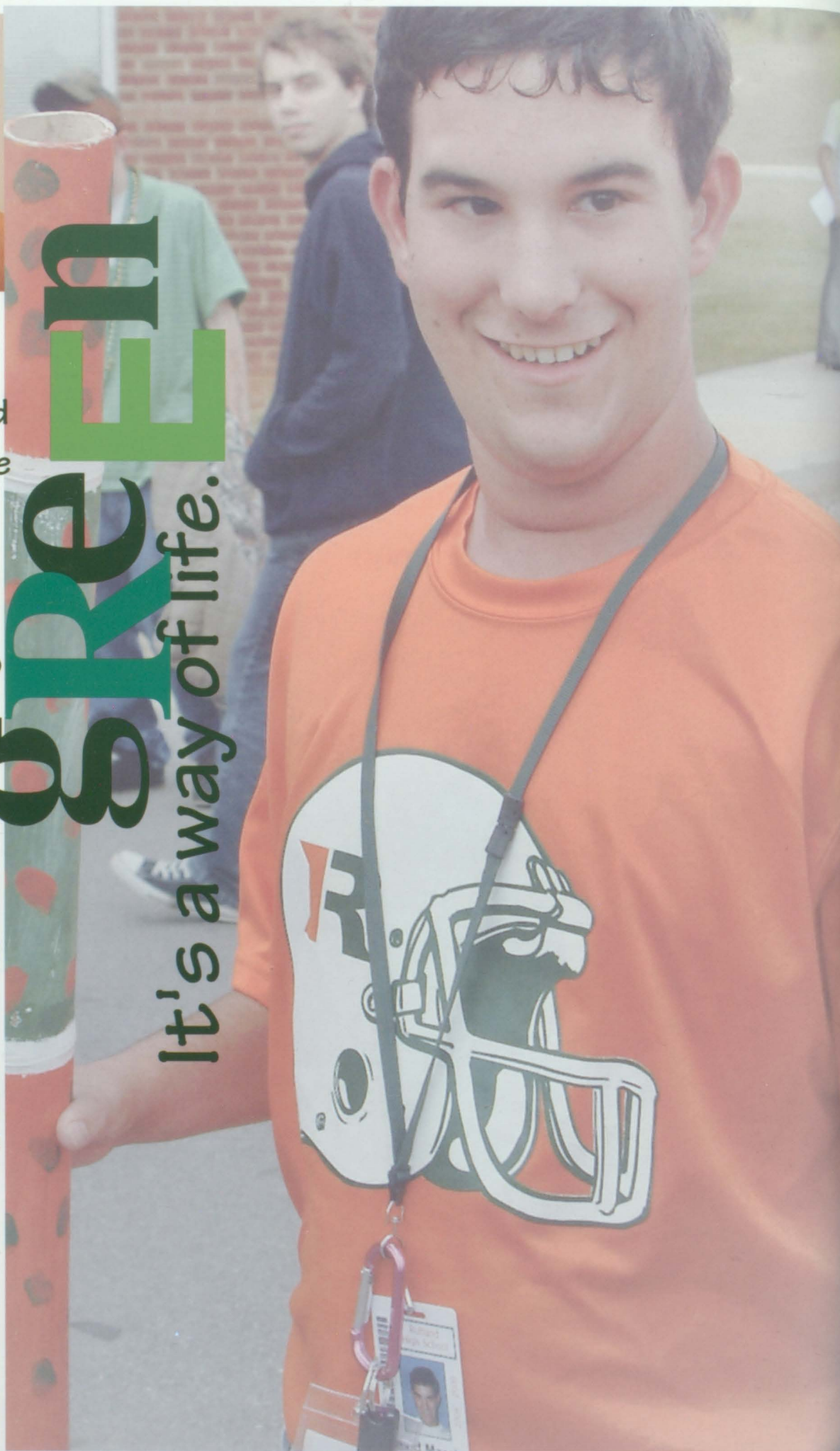
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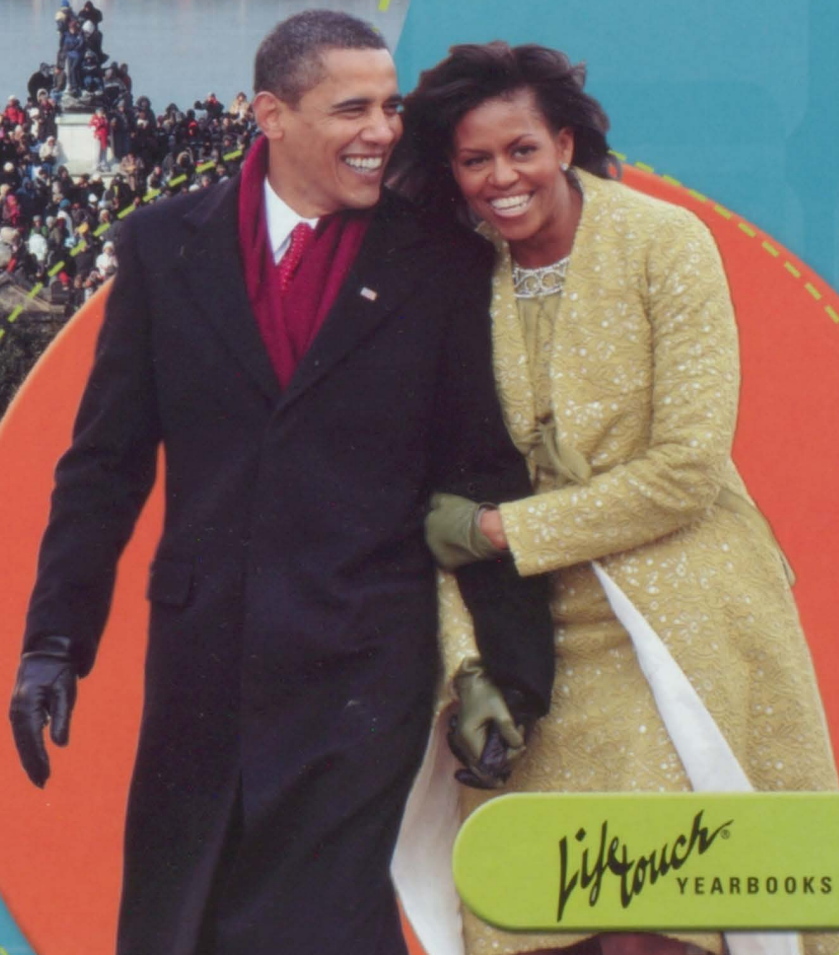
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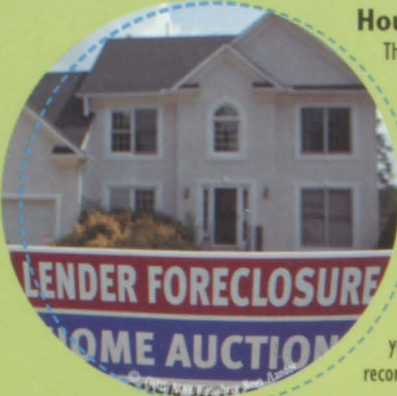
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Headline News



Housing Crisis

The housing market hit crisis status in 2008. With the rise in unemployment, one in 10 homeowners was at least one payment behind on their mortgage or in foreclosure. Nationwide, median home prices fell more than 11 percent to \$183,000—the largest year-over-year drop on record since 1968.

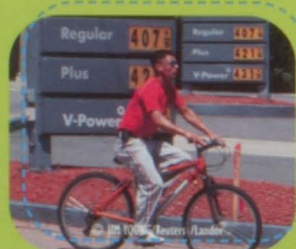
Billion-dollar Bailout

The U.S. Senate sparked intense debate when it approved a \$700 billion plan to rescue Wall Street. The bailout came in response to months of retail sales decline, home foreclosures and record drops in the stock market (dropping 777 points on September 29). Worldwide \$30.1 trillion of global stock market value was lost.



Americans Ditch Cars

With a recession in full swing and commuters concerned about record gas prices, drivers traded their cars for bikes. The Federal Highway Administration reported that Americans drove 9.6 billion fewer miles over the previous year. With consumers buying fewer cars, the big three American automakers felt the pinch. Seeking relief, they asked for and received a \$13.4 billion piece of the federal bailout originally intended for Wall Street.



Hurricane Ike Hits Texas

Thousands of residents evacuated coastal and inland areas of Texas in

preparation for Hurricane Ike, which turned out to be the third most destructive hurricane ever to hit the U.S. The early evacuation efforts (put in place after Hurricane Katrina) undoubtedly saved thousands of lives.

Cleared for Takeoff

It's official—Delta bought Northwest Airlines for \$3.1 billion, creating the world's largest airline. The combined new airline now serves more than 390 destinations in 67 countries. It is expected to generate about \$35 billion in yearly revenue and employ 75,000 people.

Energy Independence

The U.S. Congress agreed with President Bush's decision to lift the almost 20-year ban on offshore drilling operations. The high price of crude oil as well as the strategic importance of energy independence led to the decision.



U.S. Troops

After more than five years of war, plans to reduce the presence of U.S. troops in Iraq were moved forward. A new agreement between U.S. and Iraqi officials was ratified, outlining the withdrawal of U.S. troops by 2011. At the same time, in Afghanistan there were 31,000 U.S. troops, and that number is expected to double in 2009.

Winning against Cancer

New diagnoses and deaths from cancer both fell for the first time in the U.S. according to the National Cancer Institute's 2008 report. The overall death rates fell for the most common cancers, dropping .08 percent annually from 1999 to 2005 for both men and women. While overall cancer rates decreased, lung cancer remains a concern in the Midwest and the South. Both areas have yet to adopt anti-smoking laws that ban smoking in public places or to increase taxes on cigarettes.



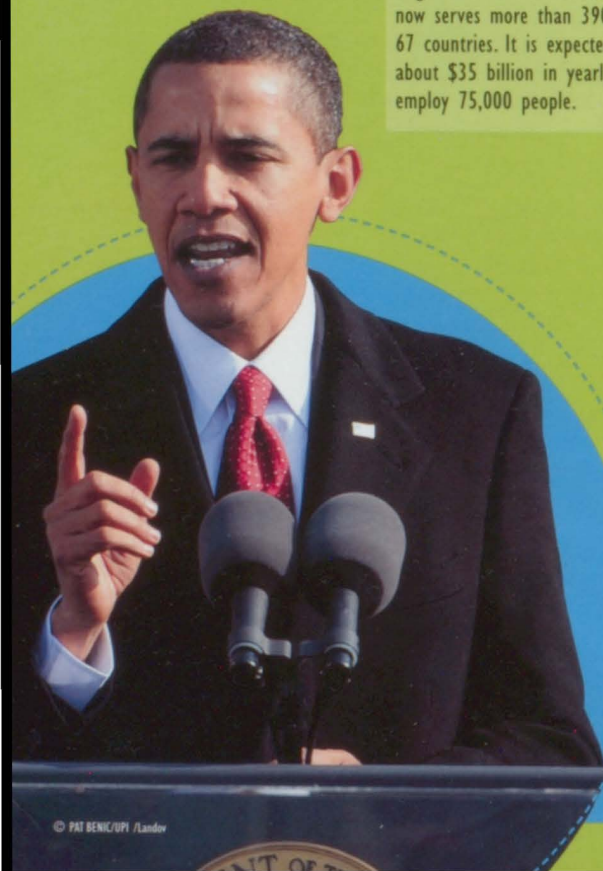
Crisis in Gaza

The long-standing conflict in Gaza rose to war when hundreds of civilians lost their lives and thousands were injured in airstrikes and mortar shell attacks waged separately by the Israeli military and Hamas militant groups. Hamas is listed as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and many other Western nations. In January 2009,

Israel withdrew its troops and the Hamas groups declared a cease-fire, ending the three-week war; however tensions between the two sides remain high.

Obama Elected 44th President

In a historic moment, 47-year-old Barack Obama, a freshman senator from Illinois, became America's first African-American president. In addition to shattering 200 years of history, he became the fifth youngest president ever when he was sworn in to office on January 20, 2009. In his inauguration speech, President Obama delivered a message of bipartisan hope and expectation to a crowd of over one million people in Washington D.C. and to millions more via television and the Internet.



Cease Fire

Following a short yet destabilizing conflict, the governments of Georgia and Russia signed a U.S. brokered cease-fire, which required all Russian troops to withdraw to their pre-invasion positions. The invasion was in response to Georgian suppression of Russian supported separatist rebels in the breakaway region of South Ossetia.



Earthquake Rocks China

A 7.9 magnitude earthquake rocked southwest China leaving 4.8 million people homeless. More than 60,000 people were injured while over 20,000 people lost their lives. To help rebuild the livelihoods, schools and basic services the area needs, several United Nations agencies have set up continuing operations in China.



Prepared for Landing

In January 2009, US Airways' Pilot C.B. "Sully" Sullenberger prepared for impact less than 90 seconds after taking off from LaGuardia International Airport in New York, as Flight 1549's engines went out after hitting a flock of birds. The pilot decided the safest place to land was in the icy waters of the Hudson River. Pilot Sullenberger's skill and quick response saved the lives of all 155 passengers.

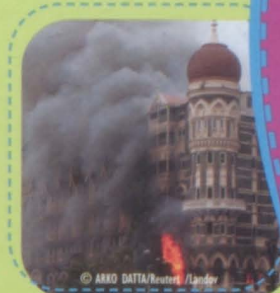


Adventurer to the End

Almost 13 months after adventurer Steve Fossett disappeared in a single-engine plane over Nevada and a year to the day since the search was called off, hikers found his airplane and remains in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Fossett holds many world records including being the first person to fly solo nonstop around the world in a hot air balloon.

Mumbai Targeted

Over three days in November, India's city of Mumbai was attacked by terrorists, allegedly backed by a Pakistani-based Islamic militant group. Over 160 people lost their lives in the planned attack which targeted India's financial center.



Goodnight Nighthawk

After three decades of exemplary service as the first aircraft in history to successfully make use of stealth technology, the F-117 Nighthawk was retired at a private military ceremony. The "Stealth" gained notoriety through now famous camera footage of its precision performance in Desert Storm in the early 1990s.

Myanmar Devastation

A massive cyclone hit the small country of Myanmar in May 2008, tallying an eventual death toll of over 100,000 people. The military government of Myanmar initially refused foreign aid and asserted that it could handle all relief and rescue efforts. According to International Red Cross reports, the lack of immediate international support most likely cost thousands of lives.



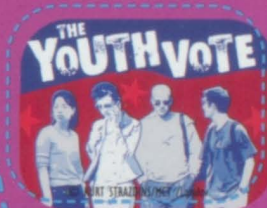
An Election to Remember

The nation witnessed several history-making events during the 2008 presidential election.

Alaskan Governor **Sarah Palin** became the first female Vice Presidential candidate for the Republican Party.



New York Senator **Hillary Clinton** made a run at America's number one seat as a candidate in the Democratic primary. After withdrawing from the race, Clinton went on to accept the role of Secretary of State in President Obama's administration.



Voters turned out in record numbers with over 133 million Americans showing up at the polls. Social networking websites like YouTube, MySpace and Facebook played a major role in yielding the highest turnout in 40 years.



President Obama's

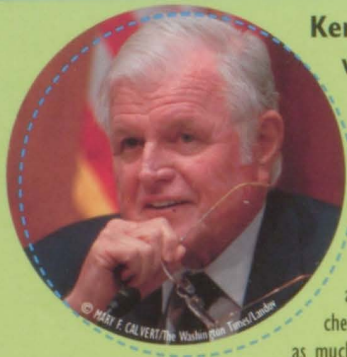
inauguration was visible from space. Satellite images showed the record-breaking 1.8 million people gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to be a part of the historic event.

Test Your Presidential Knowledge

- What is the name of the President's office?
 - Square Office
 - Oval Office
 - Circular Office
 - Presidential Office
- The President often flies on a plane provided by the Air Force. What is the name of the plane?
 - Whitehouse Air
 - President's Plane
 - Air Force One
 - U.S. Force One
- Which state has yielded the most U.S. Presidents?
 - Illinois
 - Texas
 - New York
 - Virginia



Headline News



Kennedy Diagnosed with Cancer

Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy was diagnosed with a malignant tumor after suffering a seizure. The tumor was located in the 76-year-old politician's left parietal lobe, near the top of his brain. Recommended treatment included a combination of radiation, chemotherapy and surgery to remove as much of the tumor as could be safely done without harming the senator.

Peanut Butter Recall

An outbreak of salmonella traced to tainted peanut butter products prompted President Obama to order a complete review of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration process. The contaminated products sickened 529 people in 43 states and may have led to the deaths of nine people. King Nut, the company charged with distributing the products filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy.



Ivory Legally for Sale

For the second time in nearly two decades, ivory was offered for sale legally. According to the watchdog group CITES, the United Nations-approved ivory sales will be followed by a resting period of nine years to safeguard elephant stocks. The group reported that the elephant population has increased in recent years and the animal is no longer threatened with extinction. The amount of ivory for sale was equal to the yield from 10,000 or more elephants.



Smart Ride

Washington rolled out America's first high-tech bike-sharing program this year. SmartBikes come with key-card locking systems and tracking devices to prevent theft. Denver and Minneapolis launched bike-sharing programs in the summer, with Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Oregon and Arlington, Virginia making plans for the near future.

Torch Relay Ignites Protest

Thousands of protesters turned out after the Olympic torch flame arrived in San Francisco, waving flags and signs with sayings like "No human rights, no Olympics."

Protestors cited China's actions on Tibet, its policies in Darfur and human rights violations against Chinese citizens. Around the world, similar protests delayed the torch's progress.



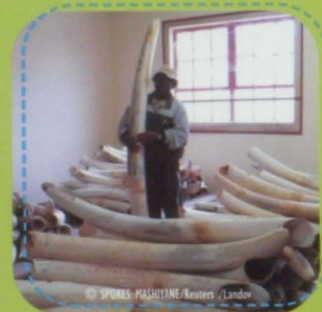
Clinton Endorses Obama

After 17 months of campaigning against him, Senator Hillary Clinton officially conceded victory to Barack Obama. Clinton repeatedly called on her supporters to unite behind her former opponent. Even though her campaign was not successful, Senator Clinton paved the way for a woman to win the White House in the future.



Dam in Grand Canyon Bursts

In August 2008, a remote dam in the Grand Canyon region burst, leading to the evacuation of hundreds of residents, campers and visitors. The waterlogged dam burst after a torrential rain accumulated eight inches in two days. The flooding waters poured into Cataract and Supai Canyon, washing out some hiking trails and footbridges.



Space Travel

Traveling to space is a childhood dream for many people and soon they could achieve it. Virgin Galactic, owned by billionaire Richard Branson, unveiled plans for their suborbital spaceliner. Test flights began in the summer of 2008. Tickets are being offered for an initial price of \$200,000.



In the Doghouse

Killys, a 70-pound pit bull, went for a joy ride that started and ended at an Oklahoma car wash when he was left alone in a car and accidentally slipped it into reverse. After crossing the highway and hitting a curb, the car turned and circled back to the car wash. The dog couldn't quite reach the brakes and crashed into the side of the building. No one was injured and the police officer on the scene let the bewildered dog off with a warning.



Medal of Honor

Army Master Sgt. Woodrow "Woody" Keeble was awarded the Medal of Honor nearly 26 years after his death for his heroic efforts during the Korean War. Keeble was the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to receive the honor and the 10th person to receive the medal from President Bush. Keeble's family, fellow soldiers, tribal members and four U.S. senators lobbied for years to approve the nomination.



Extreme Thin Outlawed

French lawmakers presented a bill banning the glamorization of extreme thinness. The bill recommends fines of up to \$71,000 and three years in prison for people or businesses that promote extreme thinness. If the bill passes, the law would be the strongest of its kind anywhere in the world.

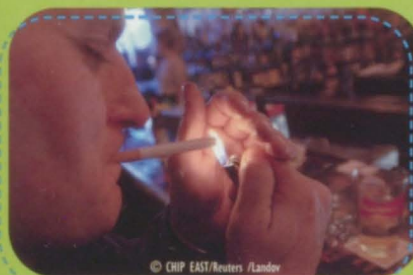
Hands On

The American Heart Association announced that the "hands on" CPR method works just as well as the mouth-to-mouth technique in most cases of cardiac arrest. The announcement will hopefully encourage hesitant bystanders to step forward to provide life-saving CPR in critical situations.



Fishy Business

Beth Nudelman quickly notified officials of their mistake when she received voter registration material for her deceased goldfish, Princess. The paperwork sent to "Princess Nudelman" likely came from the Women's Voices, Women Vote project, which sent nearly 1 million mailings to Illinois households using a list that mistakenly included pets.

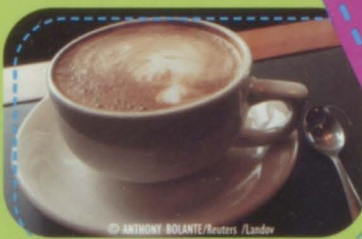


Smoking Genes

Scientists identified genetic variations that raise the risk of lung cancer in smokers. The research also revealed evidence to suggest that these variations could make carriers more addicted to tobacco.

Russian Blue Wins

A 1.5-year-old Russian Blue cat named Blade Runner won Best in Show at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship in New York. Over 248 cats in 41 breeds competed for various honors throughout the event. Blade Runner became the first Russian Blue to win the title.



Warm the Heart

A recent study suggests that people view others more positively when they're holding something warm, like a cup of coffee or cocoa. The experimenters suggest that the connection between heat and emotion is a result of early associations in childhood.

Pirates Hijack Tankers

In the largest modern-day case of piracy on the high seas, pirates seized a massive Saudi-owned oil supertanker loaded with crude oil and carrying 25 crew members off the Kenyan coast. The hijacking was one of several attacks this year by Somali pirates seeking ransoms. After taking over the vessel, the pirates took it to a Somali port that has become a haven for bandits and seized ships.



Economic Ups & Downs

With the economy in turmoil, unemployment rose to 7.2%. More than 2.6 million jobs were lost in 2008, the highest number since World War II.



Starbucks, the reigning king of coffee, announced that it would close 600 stores. With increased competition from McDonald's and Americans making financial sacrifices, the coffee chain faced an uncertain future.



Despite economic instability, Google chose to keep employee perks, like ping pong and free lunches, as other companies slashed costs and benefits. Google maintains that their laid-back atmosphere leads to devoted and focused employees.



Test Your Election Knowledge

1. A third party candidate won the presidential election in 1984.
True or False
2. How many electoral votes are necessary to win the presidential election?
a. 270 b. 51
c. 1776 d. 102
3. Your right to vote can be taken away.
True or False



Many teens were not troubled by the economic crisis. In a survey of 769 high school students, 8 percent owned an iPhone and 22 percent expected to buy one in the next six months.

Answers: 1. False 2. a 3. True

Planet Earth

Earth Invades Mars

Usually we think of Martians invading Earth but it looks like Earthlings will make contact first. In May 2008, NASA's Phoenix Lander arrived on Mars and for the first time discovered ice on the Red Planet.



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Bird, Mammal or Reptile?

One of the most curious animals on the planet, the platypus, has a duck's bill, mammal fur and snake-like venom. Scientists mapped its genetic makeup, which indicates that this strange looking creature is, in fact, a little bit of all three—bird, mammal and reptile.



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Teens Take Title

A high school team from Mater Dei High School in Evansville, Indiana beat out students from 23 universities to take the Shell Eco-marathon grand prize for designing, building and driving a vehicle that went the farthest distance using the least amount of fuel. The three-wheeled combustion engine car achieved an amazing 2,843.4 miles per gallon. The students won \$10,000 for their invention.



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Trash to Gas

The high price of gas in 2008 put a spotlight on the study of alternative fuel sources. In America, at the University of California at Davis, engineers repurposed table scraps into bio-gas. In similar studies in the United Kingdom and Japan, jellyfish, spoiled milk and confectionary waste were all given new life as alternative fuel sources.



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Run Green

Did you know that a running shoe can last 1,000 years in a landfill? Brooks® has designed a shoe that reduces your carbon footprint—literally. The shoe features a new kind of midsole called BioMoGo, which degrades 50 times faster than a standard running shoe. Brooks® estimates that its green footwear will reduce 30 million pounds of landfill waste over a 20-year period.



© Courtesy of Brooks Sports

Farms of the Future

In the future, farms could rise straight into the air resembling skyscrapers instead of sprawling acres of land. "Vertical" farming presents many advantages over traditional farming, mainly growing more food on less land. Currently, it takes a plot of land as large as Virginia to grow enough food for approximately 8 million people.



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Stone or Glass?

Add countertops to the list of eco-friendly products. BottleStone, a Los Altos Hills company that makes ceramic stone countertops out of recycled glass, walked away with the \$100,000 prize from the CleanTech Open, a contest showcasing the newest innovations in the world of sustainability. The company said that zero emissions are created in the production of the new surface material, yet the glass countertops are as strong as concrete and cost less than marble or granite.



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Sustainable Dave

Cameraman Dave Chameides embarked on a study to reduce waste. To showcase his effort he saved all of his trash for one year—only 30.5 lbs. In comparison, the average family throws away 1,700 lbs. of trash annually. Chameides conducts seminars and writes a sustainability blog teaching that "no one can do everything, but everyone can do something."



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Tejon Ranch Protected

Conservationists and developers in California reached a historic agreement that will permanently protect the Tejon Ranch, 240,000 acres of land just north of Los Angeles. The newly protected area provides a critical habitat to many wildlife species. The strong support for environmental conservation is a sign of the times and will guarantee public access for generations to come.



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Running on Air

Zero Pollution Motors, together with automaker MDI, plans to produce an affordable, environmentally-friendly car powered by air. While it won't run like a sports car, it can reach speeds of 35 miles per hour for 60 miles on a tank of compressed air, a sufficient distance for 80 percent of consumers to commute to work and run errands. On highways, it can cruise at interstate speeds for 800 miles with a small motor that compresses outside air to keep the tank fueled. Vehicle sales are slated for 2011.



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Quarter-Sized Slither

A U.S. scientist discovered the world's tiniest species of snake, measuring only four inches long, on the island of Barbados in the Caribbean. Out of 3,100 known snake species, the newly named Zootaxa snake is so small it can curl up to the size of a quarter.



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Elusive White Whale Spotted

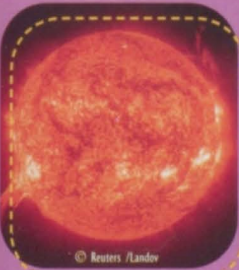
A rare sighting of a white killer whale had biologists running for their cameras. The scientific team on board the Oscar Dyson spotted the nearly mythical creature off of Alaska's Aleutian Islands. According to the research biologist who snapped a photo of the animal's back and fin, it was the equivalent to finding a "needle in a haystack."



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Solar Wind Source Found

With the help of images shot from the Hinode space observatory, scientists pinpointed the source of the stream of particles that make up slow solar wind. Astronomers knew where fast solar wind originated but knew little about slow solar wind. Now scientists know that it comes from the region above the Sun's equator allowing them to better understand the dynamics of space weather and solar storms.



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Under the Sea

A marine survey revealed thousands of discoveries from beneath the surface of the sea, including a city of starfish and a carpet of crustaceans. The Census of Marine Life is part of a worldwide project to understand life under the sea. The census is expected to reveal important information about 230,000 known marine species and possibly identify more than 5,500 new species.



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Colossal Carats

A potentially record-breaking diamond, totalling 478 carats, was found in the small southern African country of Lesotho. Although not the largest diamond found to date, this particular stone is valued for having the highest possible color rating for a white diamond and its potential to produce a polished stone of over 100 carats—now that's a rock!



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Find at Ferry Farm

George Washington's boyhood home was discovered at Ferry Farm, along the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg, Virginia. The exciting find revealed many artifacts that could have been used by Washington while he lived on the farm from 1738-1754. Archaeologists were able to piece together the home's structure, making it possible to build a replica.



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Eye on the Environment

Around the globe, evidence of climate change continued to make news.

In 2008, a 160-square mile chunk of Antarctic ice—seven times bigger than Manhattan—broke away, placing more glacial ice at risk.



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Carbon dioxide is entering the atmosphere at a faster rate than plants and oceans can absorb it.



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More than a million species face extinction due to climate change including the polar bear, which in May 2008 was officially added to the list of endangered species.



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Some scientists warn that sea levels could rise as much as 23 inches by the century's end. Rises of just four inches could flood many South Sea Islands and swamp large parts of Southeast Asia.



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Test Your Environmental Knowledge

1. How much water can you save per day by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth?

- a. 8 gallons
- b. 100 gallons
- c. 20 gallons
- d. 50 gallons

2. If every household in the U.S. used recycled paper towels, how many trees would be saved each year?

- a. 1,000
- b. 544,000
- c. 200
- d. 200,000

3. Over one million plastic bags are used per minute worldwide.

True or False



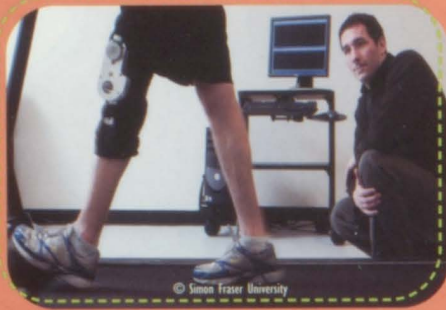
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Tech Topics

Walk This Way

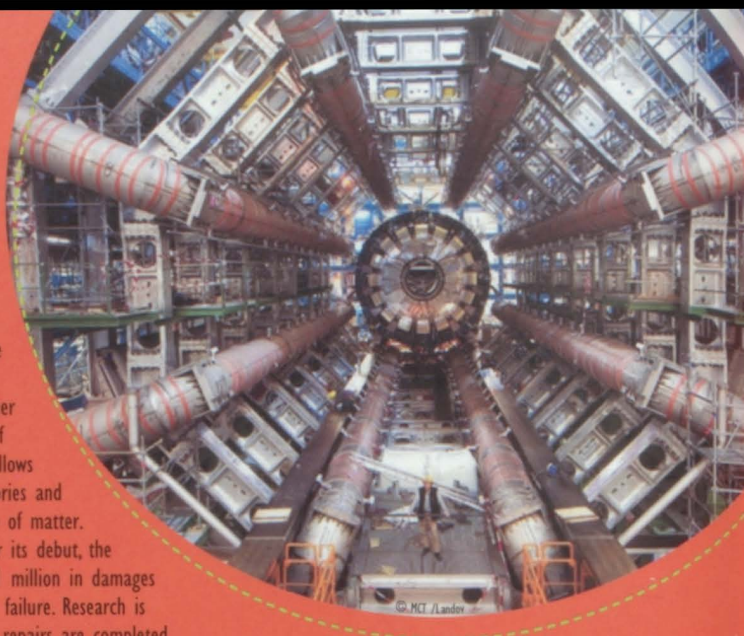
Discovering new ways to generate energy is a top priority. Kinesiologist Max Donelan from Simon Fraser University invented a device that harvests energy from the simple and routine act of walking. The 3.5 lbs. device wraps around each knee generating five watts of power—enough to charge 10 cell phones.



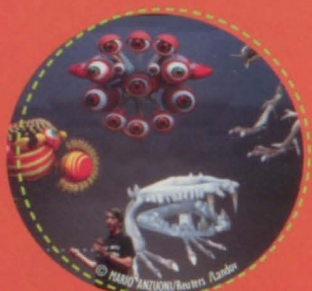
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Large Hadron Collider

Scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research developed the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) that smashes atom protons together at 99.9999% of the speed of light. The \$9 billion device allows scientists to test physics theories and better understand the nature of matter. Unfortunately, nine days after its debut, the "atom smasher" suffered \$21 million in damages as the result of an electrical failure. Research is planned to resume after the repairs are completed.



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Get a Life-Form

It's not what "they" will think of next, but what gamers will create in their own video game experience. Spore™, the new game by Will Wright, the creator of SimCity and the Sims, allows players to design their own unique life-form and manage every aspect of its progression through centuries.

Floating Ads

Created by a company called FloGo, these new floating advertisements can take the shape of anything you want—from simple messages to images of superheroes. The "clouds" are made by combining soap-based foams with lightweight gases such as helium. The company uses repurposed artificial snow machines to create the floating ads which last 30-40 minutes on average and don't pollute the environment.



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Let's Get Chumby

The newest form of on-the-go entertainment, Chumby connects to your wi-fi to keep you up-to-date on your favorite music, podcasts, celebrity news, videos, games, photos and more. Chumby technology delivers your favorite parts of the Internet, leaving the keyboard and computer behind.



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Computer Hears

Dictation software is nothing new but Nuance's Dragon® NaturallySpeaking® 10 is the first program on the market that adjusts for the different ways people speak. The program recognizes eight accents including Australian, British, Spanish and Southern United States and understands basic commands such as "italicize" and "search." Now if it could only do your homework.



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Back in the Swim of Things

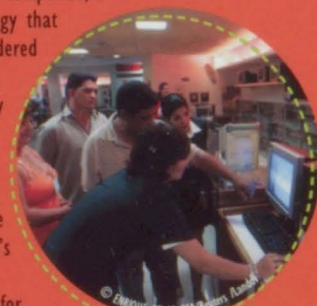
Pierre, a 25-year-old penguin at the California Academy of Sciences, was losing his feathers. Without waterproof feathers penguins cannot survive the cold. An aquatic biologist created a wetsuit for him like the ones humans wear making it possible for him to join his fully-feathered friends.



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Cuba Gets Wired

Desktop computers, a technology that is considered a necessity in the U.S., became available to Cuba's public market for the first time ever. While few could afford the QTech computers that cost nearly \$800, electronic stores throughout Cuba drew crowds of excited onlookers.



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Superhuman Contacts

Soon you may be able to use bionic contacts to zoom in on distant objects, displaying useful facts about what you see. These super-power lenses use tiny light-emitting-diodes (LEDs) powered by solar cells and a radio frequency receiver to display images and information in midair. The invention could prove beneficial to drivers and pilots as well as video gamers by projecting directions and speed within their view, eliminating the need for external screens.



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Clean Keys

Seal Shield LLC introduced the world's first fully submersible, dishwasher safe, antimicrobial, glow-in-the-dark keyboard. The Silver Seal Flex™ keyboards have the potential to reduce the risk of getting sick from colds and other communicable diseases.



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Going Digital

U.S. households prepared for television's final transition from analog to digital. To help consumers absorb the cost of a necessary converter box, the government issued \$40 vouchers. The Obama administration sought support from Congress to postpone the transition after the Commerce Department reached its funding limit. The request was passed by the Senate as consumers continued to prepare for the digital switch.



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Off the Chain

No need to worry about pinching your finger or getting your pants stuck in a bike chain. Wisconsin-based Trek Bicycle introduced two models of chainless bikes that move using the same technology as motorcycles and snowmobiles. These bikes are low maintenance, environmentally friendly and light weight making them ideal for city commuters.



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No Ordinary Pen

The Pulse™ smartpen developed by Livescribe is the latest "it" gadget that transforms an ordinary pen into a digital tool. The high-tech pen records what you hear or

say while writing, plays back your recordings and provides visual cues on a tiny imbedded display screen. The information can then be downloaded to your computer for easy editing.

You Play, i.play

Playgrounds in the U.K. are taking on a new look with the i.play system. This breakthrough combines interactive electronics with conventional playground equipment. The system's intelligent design adjusts according to a child's performance to keep them engaged and moving.



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Goodbye Dentist Drill

It won't get you out of your yearly dental checkups, but the dentist drill could soon be

gone. Scientists began development on a formula to allow teeth to re-grow the crystals that make up dentin and enamel; materials that make teeth the strongest element in the body.

Sitting on Cloud 9

Forget sandy beaches, the British have a new way to relax: an acrylic lounge chair that can hover in midair. The gravity-defying chair developed by Hoverit LTD works by repelling magnetic forces producing the sensation of floating on a cloud.



High-Tech Gift Cards

Retailers went high-tech with gift cards to entice consumers. Best Buy created a card with tiny speakers and a headphone jack allowing users to listen to their favorite music, while Target® introduced a 1.2 megapixel camera gift card. Lucky recipients enjoyed two gifts in one.



Design for a Cause

Dell unveiled an exclusive gallery of artistic designs that consumers may purchase to personalize their laptop. With every sale, Dell contributes \$20 to The Global Fund, a charity helping AIDS patients in Africa.

COLOUR PANELS INSPIRON STUDIO



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Bionic Hand

The world's first bionic hand was created by Touch Bionics. The iLimb's revolutionary motorized fingers have the ability to grasp narrow objects and the power to hold heavier objects like coffee cups, giving users more independence.



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The Auto Age

One-hundred years ago the Ford Model T was introduced. In the years to follow, vehicle technology and innovation continued to evolve.

The Model T changed the face of transportation when Henry Ford began using the conveyor belt for production, making cars affordable for the masses. Following in its footsteps came the "family utility" vehicles, the station wagon (1947), mini van (1983) and SUV (1990), accommodating the growing needs of busy families.



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Hybrid technology emerged as consumers demanded fuel efficiency. Honda's Insight, the first hybrid marketed in the U.S. led the way for many other top automakers to develop their own line of gas/electric vehicles.



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In the Next 100

Years, automakers plan to push automotive technology even farther by promoting eco-chic cars, electrically powered luxury vehicles for drivers who don't want to compromise strong design for environmental friendliness.



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Test Your NASA Knowledge

Did you know? NASA celebrated its 50th birthday this year. What started in 1958 as a small laboratory with 80 employees is now an agency with more than 17,000 people in 10 centers around the country.

- NASA has focused its efforts on a return to the moon, where they intend to
 - Someday build a sustainable long-term human presence
 - Return moon rocks from previous missions
 - Have a fashion show featuring newly designed space suits
- What is the name of the Galaxy in which we live?
 - Andromeda
 - Milky Way
 - Galactose
 - Alpha Quadrant
- Astronauts will soon be able to send and receive emails while in space. True or False



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Answers: 1. a 2. b 3. True

The Scoreboard



Steel-ing the Win

The Pittsburgh Steelers won a record-setting sixth Super Bowl title by defeating the Arizona Cardinals. A game-winning touchdown in the final seconds moved the score to 27-23, giving the Steelers a tension-packed last-minute win. Steelers' wide receiver Santonio Holmes was named MVP.

Double-Dutch

Double-dutch is now an officially recognized sport in New York City high schools. A year after cricket was inducted as a varsity sport, school administrators have added double-dutch as a way to increase student participation in competitive sports. Cycling, badminton and netball are also being considered.



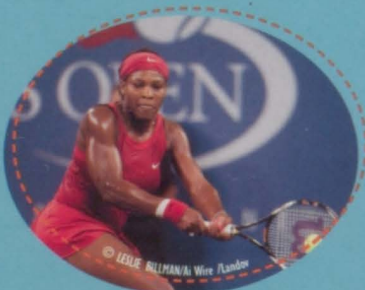
Striking Gold at the X Games

Ryan Sheckler, the X Games' youngest street skateboarding gold medalist at age 13 in 2003, struck gold again at the 2008 Games. Female skateboard champ, Elissa Steamer, returned to claim her fourth gold medal.



Eight is Great

Michael Phelps was the shining star of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, winning eight gold medals, breaking Mark Spitz's record for most gold medals won in a single Olympic Games. Phelps swam 17 times over nine days and broke the world record in four of his five individual swims. His three relay teams also set world records. Phelps' achievements led to Sports Illustrated naming him 2008 Sportsman of the Year plus numerous endorsements.



Serena's Comeback

A backhand shot signaled tennis star Serena Williams' return to glory. With her 6-4, 7-5 victory over Jelena Jankovic at the US Open, Williams regained the No. 1 world ranking, a title she last held in 2003. The gap between achieving No. 1 world rankings is the longest in history for a woman or a man.

Racing Victories

2008 was a year of surprises in car racing, especially for Danica Patrick and Jimmie Johnson. Patrick was in the spotlight, becoming the first woman ever to win an Indy Car race. Johnson won his third straight NASCAR Sprint title, making him one of two drivers in NASCAR history to win three championships in a row in the marquee series. With his win, Johnson tied Cale Yarborough's 30-year record.



Celtics Win 17th NBA Title

The Boston Celtics won their first NBA title in 22 years. In Game 6 of the playoffs they won with a 131-92 blowout over the Los Angeles Lakers. The win was also the first for the "Big Three," Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen.

Silver Stars Shock-ed

The Detroit Shock swept a three game series over the San Antonio Silver Stars to win their third WNBA title. Katie Smith, Detroit's leading scorer in all three games, was named Finals MVP.



Immelman Grabs Green

Trevor Immelman overcame Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson with a score of 75 in the final round to win the coveted green jacket at the Masters in Augusta, Georgia. Vijay Singh was the season's overall winner scoring the most points and claiming the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million prize.



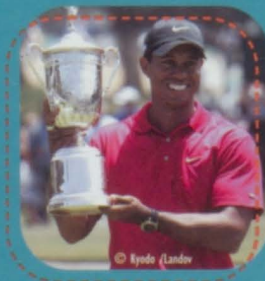
Win for Shin

Twenty-year-old Ji-Yai Shin of South Korea became the first non-LPGA member to win three LPGA events with her win at the ADT Championship, marking her 11th worldwide victory in 2008. The event was bittersweet for women's golf legend Annika Sorenstam who failed to make the cut in her last official LPGA tournament before retirement.



Tiger Tamed

After winning the U.S. Open, golf legend Tiger Woods announced that he had been playing with a leg injury. Despite his injury, Tiger played 91 holes, defeating Rocco Mediate on the 19th hole of the playoff. Woods chose to end his season early to treat his injury. The famous golfer has 65 victories; ranking third of all-time on the PGA Tour with 14 professional majors, making him second only to the record 18 won by Jack Nicklaus.



Hole-in-One Times Five!

Amateur golfer Curt Hocker of central Illinois hit five hole-in-ones in one week at the El Paso Golf Club. The 22-year-old, who works in the club's pro shop, has recorded seven aces (five on par-4s) and two other double eagles in the past year. Hocker, along with his friends and family who witnessed his strokes of luck, is mystified by the repeat performances.





Kickin'!

The U.S. Women's Soccer National Team captured the Algarve Cup once again, defeating Denmark 2-1 at Municipal Stadium in Portugal. The team went on to win the 2008 Peace Queen Cup with a 1-0 victory over Canada. The victory marked the second time the U.S. has defeated Canada by a 1-0 score to win the Peace Queen Cup.

MLS Cup Glory

For the first time in franchise history, the Columbus Crew became Major League Men's Soccer champions with a 3-1 win over the New York Red Bulls. League MVP Guillermo Barros Schelotto scored a Cup Final-record three assists to help deliver the championship in only his second season.



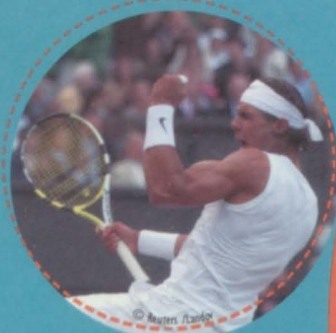
Run for the Roses

Big Brown won the 134th running of the Kentucky Derby in a final kick that gave him a 4 3/4-length victory before a crowd of 157,770, the second-largest in history. With this win Big Brown became the seventh undefeated Kentucky Derby winner in history. The victory celebration was eclipsed by a fatal injury to Eight Belles, the second place winner.



Wimbledon Winner

The 122nd Wimbledon Championship concluded with a grand finale, when Spain's Rafael Nadal brought down five-time champion Roger Federer in the longest men's final in the history of the All England Club. Nadal's victory took four hours and 48 minutes of actual playing time.



Science of Swimming

Speedo's LZR Racer, a new high-tech one-piece swimsuit, molds a swimmer's body into an aerodynamic shape, potentially giving swimmers more buoyancy in the water. Several swimmers, including Michael Phelps, debuted the suits at the 2008 Summer Olympics.



Olympic Moments

In August, 204 countries participated in the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China and captured the attention of a global audience.

Opening Ceremony - At promptly 8 p.m. on the eighth day of the eighth month of 2008 (eight is considered one of the luckiest numbers in China) millions of people around the world watched the opening ceremony. The extravaganza was a mix of music, artistry and fireworks showcasing China's national pride and 5,000 years of tradition. The \$300 million event with a cast of 14,000 raised the bar for future Olympics.



Fabulous over 40

Dara Torres, 41, surprised everyone when she returned to her fifth Olympic Games with teammates nearly half her age. Torres won the silver medal in the 50 meter freestyle sprint final, swimming a personal best of 24.07 seconds, but missing the gold by just .01 seconds.



Fantastic Phillies

After 25 years, the Philadelphia Phillies won the World Series trophy. Despite a rain-delayed game, they took down the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in Game 5 to win their second World Series title. The team named Cole Hamels MVP. Hamels out pitched Scott Kazmir for a 3-2 win in the opener, then tossed six effective innings before the delay, but never pitched in the final game. Hamels finished 1-0 with a 2.77 ERA in two World Series starts.

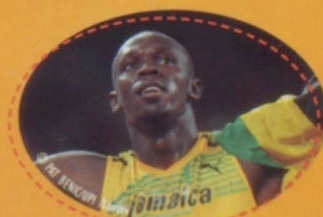


Red Wings Capture Cup

After a surprising loss in Game 5, the Detroit Red Wings made a triumphant comeback in Game 6 of the 2008 Stanley Cup Finals, winning 3-2 against the Pittsburgh Penguins. The Stanley Cup win was the fourth for the team in 11 seasons.

Bolt Sprints to Win

Jamaican born Usain Bolt took the track by storm with three record-setting runs which all won him gold medals. Bolt now boasts the title "Fastest Man Alive," running the 100 meter dash in 9.69 seconds.



Test Your Baseball Knowledge

Did you know? The catchy jingle, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," written by Jack Norworth, is 100 years old.

- Which Major League Baseball player holds the record for the most homeruns?
 - Alex Rodriguez
 - Babe Ruth
 - Barry Bonds
 - Hank Aaron
- What is the most popular food to eat at a baseball game?
 - Pizza
 - Hot Dogs
 - Peanuts
 - Cracker Jacks®
- How many Major League Baseball teams are there in the U.S.?
 - 30
 - 75
 - 15
 - 102



Answers: 1. c 2. b 3. a

Chart Toppers



Battle of the Davids

David Cook and David Archuleta were the last contestants standing in the 2008 *American Idol* Finale. Cook won the seventh season of *American Idol*, receiving 56 percent of the 97.5 million votes cast, beating Archuleta by a margin of 12 million.



AMA Winners

Chris Brown was the big winner at the American Music Awards taking home three awards including Favorite Male Pop/Rock Artist. Kanye West, Rihanna and Alicia Keys also walked away with multiple awards, while newcomer Taylor Swift was awarded Favorite Female Country Artist.



Good as Gold

The uplifting film *Slumdog Millionaire*, presented partly in Hindi, charmed the Golden Globes judges, who awarded it Best Dramatic Picture. The night's other big winners included Kate Winslet for Best Actress in a Drama for *Revolutionary Road* and Best Supporting Actress for her role in *The Reader*. Mickey Rourke made a comeback in *The Wrestler* winning Best Actor. The HBO television series *John Adams* picked up four awards while NBC's *30 Rock* was named Best Comedy with its star and creator Tina Fey picking up Best Actress in a Comedy and her cast mate Alec Baldwin winning Best Actor in a Comedy.



John Adams Rules

HBO ruled the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards, winning a record 13 Emmys for its hit mini-series *John Adams*. The first Emmy for outstanding host for a reality or reality-competition program was awarded to Jeff Probst of *Survivor: The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* prevailed as outstanding comedy series and CBS's *The Amazing Race* was named outstanding reality-competition program—both show's victories marked a record breaking six straight wins.



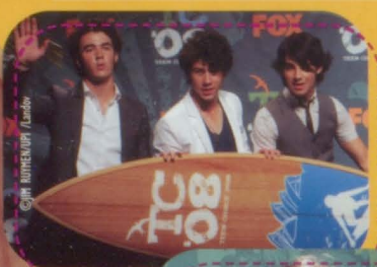
Mariah Moves Up

Chart-topper Mariah Carey broke Elvis Presley's record for No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 with her 18th hit single, making her second only to The Beatles. The single that broke The King's record came from her latest album *E=MC²*—a follow up to her best-selling Grammy-winning release, *The Emancipation of Mimi*.



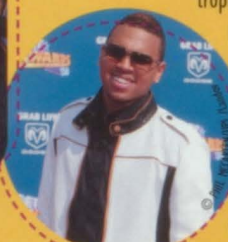
Juanes Sweeps Latin Grammys

The 2008 Latin Grammy Awards was a night to remember for Colombian rocker Juanes, who took home five awards for Record of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Best Short Form Video and Best Male Pop Vocal Album. Newcomer Kany Garcia won Best New Artist and Best Female Pop Vocal Album. Marc Anthony also walked away with the Best Salsa Album award.



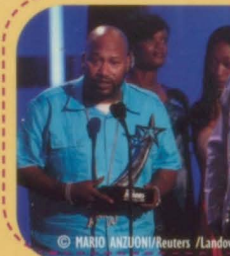
Moon Man Madness

The Video Music Awards gave out the famed moon man trophy to the year's top video performers. Chris Brown won Best Male Video for *With You* and Lil Wayne won Best Hip-Hop Video for *Lollipop*. Britney Spears took home three awards for her *Piece of Me* video winning Video of the Year, Best Female Video and Best Pop Video.



Black Entertainment Television Awards

The 2008 BET Awards was a night of wins for all-star entertainers like Missy Elliott, who won Best Female Hip-Hop Artist and Kanye West, who took home Best Male Hip-Hop Artist. UGK and Outkast won Video of the Year for *International Player's Anthem (I Choose You)*. Heartthrob Chris Brown snagged the Best Male R&B Artist award and Alicia Keys won Best Female R&B Artist.



Surfboard Goes to...

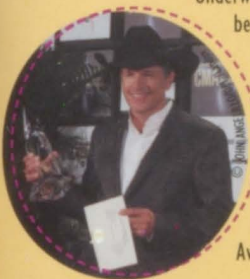
Gossip Girl has six more reasons (in the form of surfboard trophies) to rule the school. The Teen Choice Awards were selected based on over 30 million votes cast online by teenagers who hailed the prep-school drama as their top choice. Chace Crawford and Blake Lively each took home a Breakout Actor Award. The Jonas Brothers also took home six awards: Choice Breakout Band, Choice Male Hotties and Choice Male Red Carpet Icons, Choice Music: Single, Choice Music: Summer Song and Choice Music: Love Song.



Gone Country

George Strait took home four trophies from the 42nd annual Country Music Awards. To date he has received 22 awards, an industry record. Kenny Chesney picked up his fourth Entertainer of the Year Award, and Brad Paisley won his second Male Vocalist and fourth Music Video of the Year Award for *Waitin' on a Woman*. The night wasn't all about the guys. Carrie

Underwood, who also became the newest member of the Grand Ole Opry, snagged her third consecutive Female Vocalist of the Year Award.



Five for Feist

Singer/songwriter Feist was nominated for five Juno Awards and took home all of them, beating out Avril Lavigne and Celine Dion. Feist's awards included Artist of the Year, Album of the Year and Pop Album of the Year for *The Reminder* and Songwriter of the Year for *My Moon My Man, 1234* and *I Feel it All*. Michael Bublé won the Fan Choice Award and Serena Ryder won New Artist of the Year.



Mega Musicians

According to the *Rolling Stone* list of 100 Greatest Singers of All Time, Aretha Franklin, the queen of soul, was named No. 1. Ray Charles, Elvis Presley, Sam Cooke and John Lennon rounded out the top five.



People Award Dark Knight

The Dark Knight emerged as the people's favorite in the movie category, winning five People's Choice Awards including Favorite Action Movie and Favorite Superhero. Other winners included 27 Dresses for Favorite Comedy, *Heroes* for Favorite Sci-fi/Fantasy Television Show and *The Simpsons* for Favorite Animated Comedy. Tina Fey won Favorite Funny Female Star and Ellen DeGeneres won Favorite Talk Show Host. In vocals, Jordin Sparks, Carrie Underwood and Chris Brown all took home awards.

Academy Awards®

Slumdog Millionaire emerged the big winner of the 81st Academy Awards, picking up eight Oscars including Best Motion Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay. Sean Penn upset sentimental favorite Mickey Rourke in the Lead Actor category, while Kate Winslet won for Lead Actress. The late Heath Ledger won for Best Supporting Actor and Penelope Cruz became the first Spanish actress to win Best Supporting Actress.



Music's Biggest Night

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss were the big winners at the 51st Annual Grammy Awards. Plant and Krauss received five Grammys, including the night's biggest award, Album of the Year for *Raising Sand* plus Record of the Year, Best Pop Collaboration, Best Country Collaboration with Vocals and Best Contemporary Folk/American Album. The other top winners were British band Coldplay who grabbed three awards and Lil Wayne who received four awards.



Top 5 of 2008

Movies

1. *The Dark Knight*\$530,722,000
2. *Iron Man*\$318,313,199
3. *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*\$317,023,851
4. *Hancock*\$227,946,274
5. *WALL-E*\$223,719,052

(According to Box Office Mojo)



Songs

1. *Low*
Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain
2. *Bleeding Love*
Leona Lewis
3. *No One*
Alicia Keys
4. *Lollipop*
Lil Wayne featuring Static Major
5. *Apologize*
Timbaland featuring OneRepublic

(According to Billboard Hot 100)



Test Your Music Knowledge

1. At 14 years old, this person was the youngest to ever win a Grammy.
2. With the release of his/her 3rd album, this singer/actor breaks the record for youngest person ever to have three No. 1 albums in two years.
3. At the age of 13, this singing sensation became the youngest person to hit No. 1 on the Billboard music charts.



Search Terms

1. Obama
2. Facebook
3. att (AT&T)
4. iPhone
5. YouTube

(According to Google Zeitgeist)



The Scoop

Sole Survivor

Thanks to decades of fans who have adopted Converse shoes as part of their rock-star wardrobe the company celebrated its 100-year anniversary. Converse reinvented classic designs in its Century footwear collection to honor its achievement.



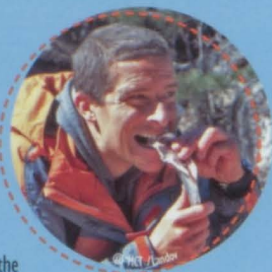
Text Mania

Figures show that traditional landlines are becoming a thing of the past. The cell phone is increasingly important, especially for tweens and teens whose personal style is expressed with cell phone accessories and whose communication revolves around email and text messaging. According to Neilson ratings, the average teenager texts 1,742 times per month—that's an average of 58 times per day!



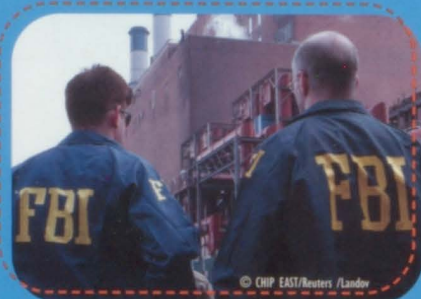
Tough Guys Rule

"Tough Guy TV"—reality shows chronicling the lives of men in life-threatening professions, from king crab fishermen to ice road truckers to adventurers relying on survival skills in the wilderness, is dominating the airwaves. This new genre has audiences riveted with its realism, documentary-style format and unpredictable action. The Discovery Channel's shows *Deadliest Catch* and *Man vs. Wild* are among cable TV's highest-rated unscripted series.



100 Years of FBI

Established in 1908 by the Attorney General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation started with only 34 special agents. Today, the FBI, headquartered in Washington D.C., employs over 30,000 people including more than 1,200 special agents and over 18,000 professional support staff in offices around the world.



Long Overdue

A library book checked out from a Tulsa, Oklahoma high school in 1947 was returned 61 years later. The book, *New World Analysis: Or, School Etymology of English Derivative Words* was discovered by the woman who had originally checked it out when she was cleaning her home. She sent the book back to the library with a note and a check for \$250 to cover any late charges.



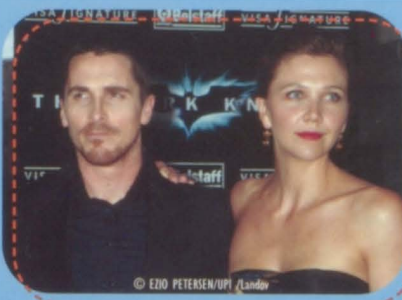
Superhero Fans Rejoice

Forty-five years after it was created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, X-Men fans celebrated the 500th issue of the popular comic book. The anniversary was marked with a surprise move: the outcast heroes left their Westchester, New York mansion for San Francisco.



Dark Knight Shines Bright

The Batman sequel *The Dark Knight* earned \$314 million in just 10 days, making it the fastest film to earn \$300 million. The previous record was held by *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, which reached \$300 million in 16 days.



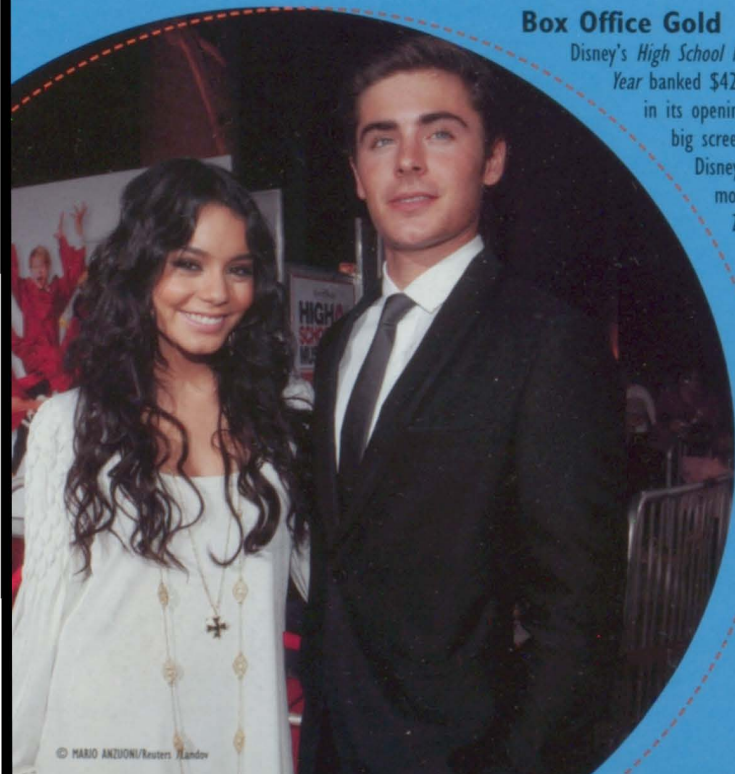
Thank You Mom

Mother's Day turned 100 in 2008. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there are 83 million mothers who celebrate Mother's Day. The National Retail Federation estimates that Americans spend \$15 billion a year honoring their mothers; however, the holiday is celebrated in 52 countries around the world.



Box Office Gold

Disney's *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* banked \$42 million in its opening weekend. The big screen sequel to the Disney Channel TV movies, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens, beat the previous record for best opening weekend of \$27.8 million set by *Mamma Mia*.



Fabulous Fashion Finale

After a season filled with drama and over-the-top fashion, soft-spoken Portland, Oregon designer Leanne Marshall was named the winner of Bravo's hit reality show *Project Runway* hosted by supermodel Heidi Klum. Marshall beat out contestants Korto Momolu and Kenley Collins to win the \$100,000 grand prize to start her own line and the opportunity to sell her collection on Bluefly.com. The series finale was the first time in the history of the show to feature an all-female lineup.



Tina Fey Impersonates Sarah Palin

Actor and comedian Tina Fey returned to *Saturday Night Live* to portray Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. In the skit, Fey debated Amy Poehler, who played Senator Hillary Clinton. Fey's depiction of the Alaska governor generated so much attention that the real Sarah Palin appeared twice on the show.



Facebook safeguards

Social networking site Facebook added more than 40 safeguards to protect its users from cyber bullies and online predators. Precautions included banning sex offenders and limiting adult-user access to profiles of users under 18 years old.



Feathers Fly!

The first World Pillow Fight Day brought thousands of people together turning 35 cities into playgrounds. The event's intent was to promote creative uses of public spaces and the power of a shared common goal. Plus, it was a lot of fun!



Lights Out for TRL

MTV's famed countdown show, *Total Request Live (TRL)*, aired its final episode in New York City. The show debuted in 1998 and boosted the careers of superstars like Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera and Destiny's Child. Beyoncé gave a show-stopping performance during the show's finale.



Vacation Idol

The new *American Idol* attraction at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Lake Buena Vista, Florida is similar to the Fox singing competition—allowing theme park guests to show off their singing skills by auditioning and performing before a live studio audience.



A Toy for the Imagination

Despite all the fancy high-tech toys available, nature's own stick was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame this year. Toy experts selected the stick because of its versatility, natural ingredients, appeal to the imagination and it's free. More traditional inductees this year included the baby doll and skateboard.



Say Papaya

As if ice cream wasn't good enough, scientists are working on a way to make your favorite flavor extra velvety smooth. Using gelatin and papaya protein, a University of Wisconsin researcher developed an "edible antifreeze" that prevents ice crystals from forming in ice cream, so that it stays creamy and smooth with every bite.



Get Smart ... Feed the Hungry

Sixth-graders in Indiana have no shortage of motivation to learn new words. When students play a vocabulary game at FreeRice.com, 20 grains of rice are donated to the World Food Programme for each correct answer. Eight thousand miles away, students at Palwong Elementary in northern Uganda receive a nutritious lunch. The game has generated 28 billion grains of rice ... that's enough food to feed more than 1 million people for one day.

Test Your Gaming Knowledge

- What was the top selling game of 2008?
 - Super Smash Bros.
 - Wii Play with Wii Remote
 - Grand Theft Auto IV
 - Madden NFL 09
- How many characters participate in each Mario Kart race?
 - 9
 - 16
 - 2
 - 12

- Guitar Hero makes several references to what movie?
 - This is Spinal Tap*
 - Edward Scissorhands*
 - The Goonies*
 - Beetlejuice*



Answers: 1. b 2. d 3. a

Trend Watch

This year's fashions reflected the style of the 80s. From the runway to the real world, here's a look at some of the popular trends.

Patent Leather

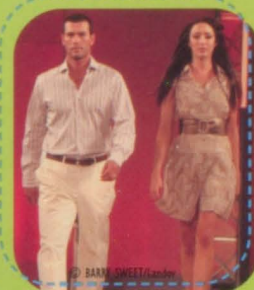
handbags, shoes and belts added shine to outfits from coast to coast.



Skinny Jeans

were paired with a variety of footwear. Girls wore them with knee-high boots, flats or platform sandals while guys wore them with tennis shoes or motorcycle boots.

Eco-wear Collections from designers and clothing manufacturers such as Levi's introduced products made from organic cotton and other earth-friendly materials.



Metallics added glamour to accessories, shoes, jeans and dresses.



Technicolor Fashion

had clothes covered—from dresses, tops and leggings to jewelry, shoes and other accessories.

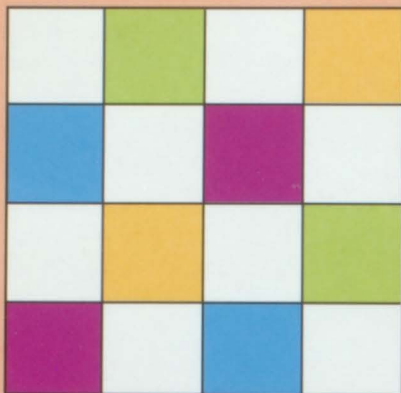


Fun & Games

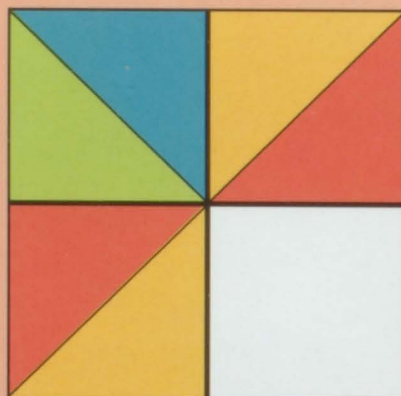
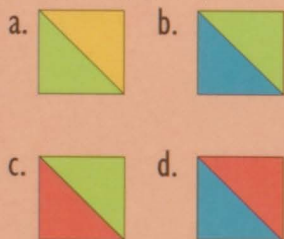
BRAIN TEASERS

1. How many squares can you count?

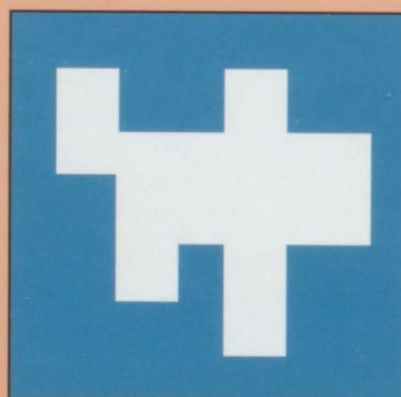
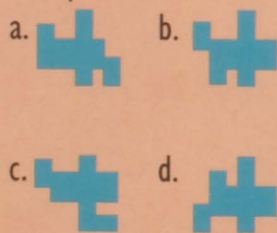
a. 16
b. 20
c. 31
d. 36



2. Which image belongs in the empty square?



3. Which image fills the space?



COMMONYMS

What does each group of words have in common?

Example:

Olympics • Leap Year • Presidential Elections They happen every 4 years

1. Index • Pinky • Ring _____
2. Door • Painting • Eyeglasses _____
3. Picnic • Pool • Coffee _____
4. Ball • Salad • Coin _____
5. Dog • Cat • Gold _____

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below. The answers can be found throughout Zoom. Use the highlighted letters from each word to answer the final scramble below.

1. MAAKHOOOL

Home to a driving dog



2. IOBGMOOO

An item to lighten your carbon footprint



3. JIGBIEN

A golden city for Michael Phelps



4. AACDNI RCKAIPT

First female to win in her profession



5. OERHSMT

A day held in their honor turned 100



He was voted TIME's 2008 Person of the Year



ANSWERS:
Brain Teasers: 1. c 2. b 3. d
Commonyms: 1. They are fingers 2. All have frames 3. They are tables 4. They can be tossed 5. They are fish
Word Scramble: 1. Oklahoma 2. BioHog 3. Beijing 4. Danica Patrick 5. Mothers
Final: Barack Obama







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